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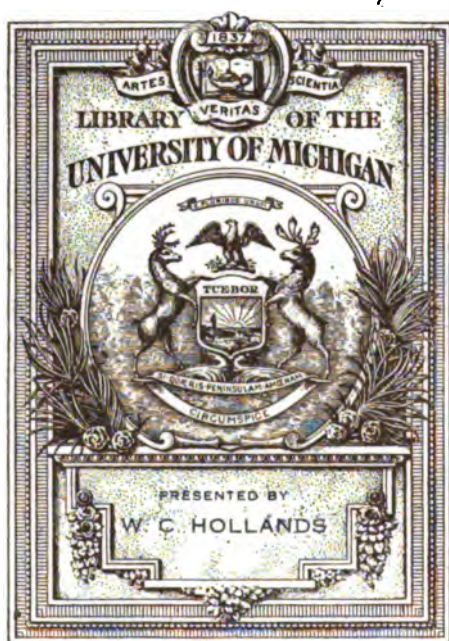
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- MRS. ALMA C. STRONG, P. G. M., Silex, Arkansas, Worthy Grand Warder.
- ROBERT F. KERR, P. G. P., Brookings, South Dakota, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
- MRS. IDA E. JOSLIN, P. G. M., Northville, Michigan, Worthy Grand Marshal.
- MRS. FLORENCE G. MCLEAN, P. G. M., Spokane, Washington, Worthy Grand Organist.

Proceedings.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in Ninth Triennial Session in Masonic Temple, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, Tuesday morning, September 27th, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, who instructed the Worthy Grand Marshal to invite the officers to enter the General Grand Chapter room.

Grand Officers present :

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE, M. W. Grand Matron.

H. H. HINDS, M. W. Grand Patron.

MRS. HATTIE E. EWING, R. W. A. Grand Matron.

N. A. GEARHART, R. W. A. Grand Patron.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, R. W. G. Treasurer.

MRS. SARAH J. CLARK, V. W. Grand Chaplain.

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES, Worthy Grand Conductress.

MRS. LAURA B. HART, W. G. Associate Conductress.

MRS. M. ELLA ESPEY, Worthy Grand Ruth.

MRS. ANGELINE WHITNEY, Worthy Grand Martha.

MRS. MARTHA D. ROSS, Worthy Grand Warder.

MRS. HELEN B. FARNSWORTH, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Appointments were made to fill vacancies as follows:

MRS. LIZZIE J. SMYTHE, Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. MARY A. STRACHEN, Worthy Grand Esther.

MRS. MARY C. GLADDING, Worthy Grand Electa.

MRS. MARY E. TEACHAM, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

MISS ALICE SHREVE, Worthy Grand Organist.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that Credentials were filed from all Grand Chapters except one, and West Virginia and Utah, under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron, proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form. Prayer by Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, with Miss Alice Shreve acting as Worthy Grand Organist.

By instruction of the M. W. Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal made the proclamation that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was duly open for the transaction of business.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced that Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron was unavoidably detained at home by the serious illness of her only daughter. On motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to send Mrs. Snedden a telegram of sympathy.

L. Cabell Williamson, Past Grand Patron of the District of Columbia, presented the M. W. Grand Matron with a gavel, the wood of which came from Mount Vernon, and was ornamented with silver plates, one containing the Masonic emblem, another the Eastern Star emblem, and a third containing a suitable inscription.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, in a few well chosen words, extended her thanks for the kind token, expressing her appreciation of the sentiments it represented.

The reading of the minutes of the last session of the General Grand Chapter was dispensed with, as printed copies had been distributed to all members.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron invited to the East the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons present, who were:

MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron spoke as follows:

Sisters and brothers of this General Grand Chapter, at our last session, our R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to indite a letter requesting the Grand Chapters of New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and New Jersey, to send representatives to this session of our Grand Body, and it is with no small degree of pleasure to me and my associate officers, that we have with us to-day representatives from the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and in behalf of the General Grand Chapter I bid them thrice welcome.

The representatives were:

NEW YORK—Mrs. Eleanor Burton, Mrs. Rachel L. Stiefel, Mrs. Eliza M. Demarest.

CONNECTICUT—Mrs. Ida M. Fisk, and Charles L. Fowler.

NEW JERSEY—Mrs. Anna Garabrant, Mrs. Frances L. Boone, and William C. Brown.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then introduced Henry C. Yost, Sr., Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter, District of Columbia, as the pioneer of the Eastern Star in that jurisdiction, expressing to the brother the pleasure of the General Grand Chapter in extending a welcome.

Brother Yost in a few choice words thanked the Most Worthy Grand Matron for the courtesy of her notice.

James B. Merritt of California, moved that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the sisters and brothers of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and the motion prevailing, the Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed the following:

JAMES B. MERRITT, of California.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON, of the District of Columbia.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS, of Iowa.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD, of Indiana.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, of Illinois.

WELCOME.

Address of welcome was given by Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers
of the General Grand Chapter of the United
States:*

It is my great privilege, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, of eight constituent Chapters, and of fourteen hundred loyal sisters and brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star, to welcome you to our beautiful Capitol City. Washington is the Mecca to which the representatives of every society,

fraternity, sect and interest gather, and it seems as if the hand of Him who doeth all things well could be seen in the selection of this city at this time, as the scene of the deliberations of the governing body of our beloved Order. Our streets have been thronged with men clad in the habiliments of war, and our hearts sickened with tales of horror from field and camp. Weary of pomp and pageantry, of strife and carnage, we contemplate with glad hearts the return of our armies to paths of peace and turn with grateful relief to an Order founded on charity, truth and loving kindness, and spreading the gospel of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the youngest of the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, feels indeed honored and proud to receive as her guests this distinguished company of sisters and brothers, whose fame, nobly earned in promoting the best interest of our Order, has preceded them. You are gathered from every section of this broad land to determine questions of great moment to the Order. That your deliberations will be characterized by harmony and fraternity, and that the legislation enacted at this session will be conceived in the broadest spirit of truth and justice, and find hearty and loyal acceptance in every member of the Order, there can be no doubt. We bid you God-speed in your beneficent efforts to assist our brethren of the Masonic fraternity in promulgating the sublime principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. We welcome you to our hearts and homes, and to the enjoyment of the hospitality we have provided for you. In our noble streets, avenues, parks, and public buildings, symbolizing the wealth and power of our Government, you will find a new inspiration for your patriotism and a larger sense of the greatness of our common country. In our homes and

social gatherings you will find warm hearts to welcome you and willing hands to minister to your comfort. We want each and every one of you to feel that it is good to be here, and when you depart for your homes, may it be with delightful memories of your reception among us, and a determination to come again.

TWICE WELCOME.

Samuel C. Palmer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of the District of Columbia was then introduced and spoke as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members
of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the
Eastern Star:*

I deem it a high privilege as well as a very great honor to appear before you to-day as the representative of the Masonic fraternity of this jurisdiction, to extend to you in their behalf a cordial and fraternal welcome.

We welcome you as valuable auxiliaries in performing a part at least of the benevolent work of the lodges, and the rapid growth of your organization, argues well for an increased ability to render such service.

This has been a year filled with great events; events which in their effect upon the peoples of the world are destined to be far-reaching and of great power for good in advancing the blessings of liberty and justice.

As Masons, loyal and true to the government under which we live, we cannot but rejoice at the marvelous success of our army and navy in the operations of the war now, happily nearing its victorious close, yet we must realize that in the aftermath of

battle we will find sorrow for those whose lives have been sacrificed and great suffering from wounds and sickness incurred in the line of duty; and we will be called upon to minister as best we may in the alleviation of distress in all its forms. In that service we confidently rely upon your assistance. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star, I am confident, will not disappoint our expectations.

In gathering together in this fraternal meeting, your representatives come from nearly all sections of our glorious country, and it is peculiarly appropriate that you should assemble in its Capitol City, which ere long, we hope, is destined to be the centre of Masonic influence and authority, as it is now the centre of political power.

We trust that your deliberations may be conducted in harmony, that your actions may be inspired by wisdom, and the result of your efforts be the strengthening of your membership and the enlargement of your power for good throughout the land, and when you have concluded your labors, may the kind Providence, under whose watchful care you have so largely prospered, give you safe guidance to your respective homes.

Again I tender you a hearty welcome.

THRICE WELCOME.

John W. Ross, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

Sisters and Brothers:

I esteem it a great privilege to be permitted to have a part in a cordial greeting to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Order of the Eastern Star. I welcome you as the representatives of a national organization which, in its personal, in its im-

pressive ritual and in its laudable purposes and aims, constitutes an influential force for the improvement of human conditions in every community where it has been maintained.

As an outgrowth of and an accompaniment to that great brotherhood which is as old as civilization and as broad as humanity, our Order brings into closer bonds of friendship the members of the families of Master Masons, fosters the cause of charitable relief, and encourages such social and fraternal gatherings as tend to lighten the burdens and dispel the cares attendant upon that strange journey known as human life.

It was the Star in the East which guided the wise men to the place where He was born, whose sublime life, teachings and death have given faith and inspiration to the human race. And so, for nearly 1900 years, the Star in the East has been typical of the influence which have tended to enoble character and impart true dignity to the sons of men. Reverently guided by lessons from His life, the Order of the Eastern Star brings to us, in the midst of our daily cares and perplexities, influences which uplift our hopes and aspirations and strengthen the bonds of friendship among us as members of Masonic families.

And it is our pleasure to greet you, not alone as members of the Order, but also as citizens of the United States who come to their own governmental headquarters. Many of you view the Capitol for the first time. Some, who made prior visits, have not until now honored us by your presence since the nation received its recent baptism of blood. As you look upon the stately federal buildings, you are reminded not only of the fact that they are the home of the general government, but that in them and from them were directed the movements of the forces on the land

and on the sea, which, in three short months, freed the gem of the Antilles from a serfdom of nearly four hundred years duration, destroyed all Spanish dominion on the Western Hemisphere and acquired territory worth many times the cost of the war.

You will visit the Executive Mansion to be received by the first citizen of the Republic, who is a Master Mason and a Knight Templar. He has so borne himself during the terrible ordeal now passing into history as to have won and retained the love, the respect and the confidence of the American people without regard to party affiliation.

You will be received by the Commander-in-Chief of the army and of the navy of the United States, under whose guiding and directing mind those victories of our heroes on land and sea were won, which added to the prestige of the Republic, and made it a power to be respected henceforth in whatever quarter of the globe its flag shall be carried. You will go to that imposing structure which, by its architectural grandeur, fitly symbolizes the strength and dignity of the great people, whose servants assemble there to execute their will. You will inspect the Halls where the War Congress deliberated when voting for the supplies and the revenue measures to conduct the war against Spain. In the House of Representatives there will be pointed out to you the desk of the gallant Knight Templar, fighting Joe Wheeler, whose greatness of soul is in an inverse proportion to the size of his physical frame. You will look in upon the new Congressional Library, with its treasures of literature and of art, and with excellencies of architecture to which the old time definition of frozen music may well be applied.

You will from the heights near the Soldiers' Home, or the Naval Observatory, or Arlington, look down upon the ideal site selected by the Father of his

country for its political centre. As you view the extensive outline of its streets and avenues and public parks, you will know that he planned the Capitol not for a nation of thirteen states, but for one continental in extent.

You are visiting a community of nearly 300,000 souls. No other city of approximate size contains more of intelligent, law-abiding, or public-spirited people. We have here many citizens of large means, who are respected and influential. But there is no city in all the land where men and women are rated more by what they are, rather than by what they may be worth in dollars and cents.

We want you to take with you to your homes the most agreeable recollections of your visit to your Capitol City. If you can consistently do so, say a good word for it to the people at home. Tell your members and senators that you have visited Washington; that you are proud of it, and that it is your demand that they shall by their votes in Congress help to adorn and beautify it, and make it healthful, as becomes the Capitol of the greatest Republic known in history.

RESPONSE.

The response to the several welcomes was made by Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Three years ago this Grand Body received a cordial invitation to hold its next triennial session at our national capitol, and since its acceptance the members of our several jurisdictions have anticipated with pleasure this visit to their young sister.

The word *welcome* spoken from the heart means volumes, and we believe that in this spirit you have welcomed us, that all your words of greeting have been prompted by feelings closely akin to the thoughts expressed, and so in behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and in the name of the General Grand Chapter, I sincerely thank you for your unbounded hospitality expressed to us in many loving deeds, and for this fraternal welcome all of which will be to us a pleasant memory.

Traces of sunshine and shadow have been indelibly engraved upon all our hearts since last we met, yet if we have been true to the teachings of our Order, above us in joy and sorrow our star has shown out revealing to us its loving message of constancy, faith and love.

If in our daily lives our acts and our words have been in unison with our sacred obligation, then have we benefited mankind, and we may truly say "we have seen His Star in the East" and all about us realize that we, who wear the star, possess that which it denotes.

As we gaze with pride and admiration upon this beautiful and attractive city, the future queen city of the world, the law-making city of our nation, reflecting the grandeur and prosperity of the American people, intuitively we recall bits of its early history with which is linked the name of one who was at that time and who in all times will be "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

"Oh, beautiful city of cities!
Fair choice of a leader grand,
Who fought for his country's freedom,
With a staunch, devoted band.

Oh, beautiful, far-famed city—
Sweet liberty's cradle-bed!

He liveth—the statesman, warrior,
Who armies to victory led!

Whose heart, as broad as the ocean,
As deep as its fathomless tide,
O'erflowed with a love, most human—
Masonic—beatified!

He lives in the hearts of a people
Whose altar-fires never grow dim—
Where the laurel of fame entwineth
Forever her chaplets for him!

To these regal halls, my brothers,
Our footsteps have swiftly run,
Led on by our star's bright glimmer
O'er Columbia's Washington.

As from east, and west, and northward,
And from far-off southern lands,
We clasp the warm hand of friendship,
How strong seem our silken bands!

How sweet are the ties that bind us—
How glad are the songs we sing—
How full doth America's anthem
In chorus exultingly ring!

Oh, sisters and brothers, listen!
In this dear and sacred spot,
Where each nation finds a brother,
Let *this* never be forgot.—

The love which doth e'er enfold us,
In joy or in sorest need!
And may our deliberations
Bear fruit of that holy seed.”

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, Mrs. Flora A. Pattee.

Finance, Ways and Means.—William A. Blossom, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Miss Annie Phillips.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Mrs. M. Anna Hall, E. W. Barrows.

Furisprudence.—Harrison D. Rowe, L. Cabell Williamson, Mrs. Helen H. Stires.

Appeals.—Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Mrs. Katie Deacon.

Charters.—Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Willis D. Engle, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper.

Addresses.—S. Penrose Williams, Mrs. Jennie E. Bradley, Mrs. Mattie P. Barney.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully report the following as entitled to seats and votes in the General Grand Chapter:

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, M. W. Grand Matron.

H. H. Hinds, M. W. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.

N. A. Gearhart, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, V. Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Laura B. Hart, W. G. Associate Conductress.
Mrs. M. Ella Espey, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Angeline Whitney, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Martha D. Ross, W. Grand Warder.
Mrs. Helen M. Farnsworth, W. Grand Marshal.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Elmira Foley,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,	Mrs. Nettie Ransford.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Alma C. Strong, Grand Matron, and proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, proxy for the A. Grand Matron.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Kate S. Rowe, proxy for the Grand Matron.
Harrison D. Rowe, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Catherine E. Merritt, proxy for the A. G. Matron.
Mrs. Maria A. Peirce, proxy for the A. G. Patron.
Mrs. Mary B. Moore, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Augusta D. Wilson, Past Grand Matron.
James B. Merritt, Past Grand Patron.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Lizzie B. Spryer, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary Barry, A. G. Matron, proxy for A. G. Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Peirce, Past Grand Matron.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, Grand Matron.

L. Cabell Williamson, Past Grand Patron, proxy for
Grand Patron.

Charles L. Patton, proxy for the A. G. Matron.

Millard T. Dixon, A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Past Grand Matron.

C. W. Okie, Past Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Grand Matron, proxy for the
Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Past Grand Matron.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe, Grand Matron.

Irvin B. Webber, Past Grand Patron, proxy for G. Patron.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron, proxy for the
A. G. Matron.

Edward W. Barrows, A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Jennie Myerhoff, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Past Grand Matron.

Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron.

IOWA.

Mrs. Delia B. Meredith, Grand Matron, proxy for A. G.
Matron.

William H. Norris, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Katie C. Brechner, proxy for A. G. Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Past Grand Matron and proxy
for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G.
Patron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary Pondexter, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Elizabeth Magee, Past Grand Matron, proxy for A.

G. Matron.

E. W. Pondexter, A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Emma W. Port, Past Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Grand Matron, proxy for A. G.
Patron.

William W. Wallace, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Isa R. Gallip, A. G. Matron.

Mrs. Isadore Forbes, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Louise J. Provin, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary A. Stebbins, Past Grand Matron.

Frank A. Noyse, Past Grand Patron.

Wm. A. Farnsworth, Past Grand Patron.

Joseph W. Hill, Past Grand Patron.

William A. Blossom, Past Grand Patron.

Amos M. Parker, Past Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Grand Matron, proxy for A. G. Patron.

William F. King, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds, proxy for A. G. Matron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Flora Adams Pattee, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary E. Walker, proxy for Grand Patron and A. G.
Matron.

Miss Eleanor I. Young, proxy for A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Past Grand Matron.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Mattie P. Barney, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

H. M. Pettit, M. D., Past Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Past Grand Matron, proxy for the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.
Cornelius Hedges, Past Grand Patron.

MAINE.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, proxy for the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Eva M. Baldwin, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen H. Stires, Past Grand Matron, proxy for A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

Alfred G. Pinkham, Past Grand Patron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Mrs. Almer A. Piper, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Ella K. Patten, Past Grand Matron.

OHIO.

Mrs. Mary C. Gladding, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Mary J. Stephens, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ada E. Gaskill, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Williams, Past Grand Matron.

I. N. Hathaway, Past Grand Patron.

OREGON.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Margaret J. Lutke, A. Grand Matron, proxy for A. G. Patron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Mary A. Strachen, Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

William H. Saunders, Past Grand Patron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Hattie E. Davis, Grand Matron, proxy for A. G. Patron.

Mrs. Emogene Williams, Past Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Sarah E. Ballou, A. Grand Matron.

S. Penrose Williams, Past Grand Patron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Jennie E. Bradley, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Laura E. Brown, proxy for Grand Patron and A. G. Patron.

Robert F. Kerr, A. Grand Patron.

Frank A. Brown, Past Grand Patron.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Grand Matron.
William A. Wyse, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Little, A. Grand Matron.
Miss Annie Phillips, Past Grand Matron.
Daniel Webster, Past Grand Patron.
Fred Ring, Past Grand Patron.

WYOMING.

Mrs. Sarah A. Bristol, Grand Matron, proxy for A. G. Matron and A. G. Patron.
Mrs. Lillian E. Townsend, proxy for Grand Patron.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. M. Anna Hall, representative of Miram Chapter No. 1, Wheeling, (Credentials filed, but not present).

UTAH.

Mrs. Lizzie Cushing, representative of Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City, (Credentials filed, but not present).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
MRS. MARY E. PEIRCE,
MRS. FLORA ADAMS PATTEE.

The question was asked of the Chair by Willis D. Engle whether the filling of an office temporarily, thereby gave the occupant a vote, and the opinion was expressed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in substance that the filling of an office temporarily conferred no right to vote through reason thereof.

William H. Singleton, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the District of Columbia, who was present, was called to

the rostrum and introduced to the General Grand Chapter, acknowledging the courtesy in a few happy and well chosen remarks.

L. Cabell Williamson stated that the reception by President William McKinley must be postponed to 3:30 P. M., whereupon William A. Blossom moved that the General Grand Chapter call off from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, which motion prevailed.

ADDRESS

OF

MARY E. PARTRIDGE, M. W. GRAND MATRON.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read her report as follows:

*Officers and Members, Sisters and Brothers of the
General Grand Chapter:*

It is with pride and pleasure that I welcome you to this our national capitol, where our revered heroes—Washington, Lincoln and Grant—have guided the ship of state and achieved glorious victories for our nation and our flag. Here too, our honored president, William McKinley, has conducted the late war with Spain in such a manner, as to have won the hearts of all loyal Americans. In the midst of such surroundings, and in the presence of such achievements, our hearts should overflow with gratitude and love to him who has placed our nation in the front rank of nations, and has made our flag the symbol of liberty and joy to every nation and to all peoples.

OUR FLAG.

Oh, Flag of a resolute Nation,
Oh, Flag of the strong and free,
The cherished of true-hearted millions,
We hallow thy colors, three:
Three proud, floating emblems of glory,
Our guide for the coming time;
The red, white and blue in their beauty,
Love gives them a meaning sublime.

On the divide, between the past and future, the twin eternities, embracing all that is gone and all that is to come, we linger a while to contemplate the signal victories of many a well-fought battle field. Thus pause we here in review of the past, upon the inviting threshold of the new epoch—the “Ninth Triennial” in the eventful history of our Order. From all quarters of our great Republic, we gather here in person or by representation as one family, in the Triennial re-union around, the hearthstone of the old homestead, “our altar;” one in sympathy, one in love for the great and glorious cause; hence, this meeting is typical of the inherent nature of our Order, of its highest interests, its most brilliant successes, its most ardent hopes of its interests: for here are gathered many whose wise counsels or valued service, have gone to its upbuilding; for here stand the hardy reapers who have gathered the golden sheaves in the noon-day sun and merit the plaudits, o’er and o’er, well done; for the present is the vantage ground of actions past where all experience, good or ill, unite to rectify and turn to nobler mold all things to come.

It is a pleasant duty to tell the story of the past, made more pleasant by the fact that during this term our Order has prospered beyond all expectation. The story need not be long. “A plain tale speeds best

when plainly told." And the record of our work is a tale of plain facts and figures, as you will see by the report of our Most Worthy Grand Patron and R.W. Grand Secretary.

In the golden sunset of the past, another three years have blended; a new, glad, welcome triennial illumined by the self same central sun of glorious, noble purpose, is now upon us with its prospects bright and cheering, awakening all to renewed life and action, by its genial warmth and inspiration, calling for the best improvement of its every opportunity.

NECROLOGY.

Ere we proceed with the business of this session, let us pause for a moment and with gratitude acknowledge the loving Father's care, which has been over us during the past three years, that we are permitted to assemble here in General Grand Chapter, with no links severed in our circle of officers.

The sisters and brothers in our Grand and Subordinate Chapters have, many of them, been bereft of loved ones, and with hearts full of sorrow returned from the graves of their dear ones to renew the battle of life again. Our sympathy has been with them in their bereavement.

Among the honored dead, we record the names of the following sisters and brothers:—

Sister Jane Miller, Past Grand Matron of Missouri.

Sister Julia Abraham, Past Grand Matron of Oregon.

Sister Georgia A. Matfield, Past Grand Matron of California.

Sister Victoria C. Little, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota.

Brother John H. Noble, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota.

Brother Eugene B. Dyke, Past Grand Patron of Iowa.
Brother John Van Buren Green, Grand Patron of New
York.
Brother John A. Reynold, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.
Brother Herman G. Carter, Past Grand Patron of New
York.
Brother J. Ira Brown, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.
Brother N. D. Ricks, Past Grand Patron of Illinois.
Brother James M. Harkey, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas.
Brother R. F. Dunn, Past Grand Patron of Missouri.
Brother David B. Purington, Past Grand Patron of
Michigan.
Brother John F. Dickinson, Past Grand Patron of Illinois.
Brother I. W. Blake, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota.

AT REST.

“Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hours of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string,
Is set in friendship’s crown above.
As narrower grows the earthly chain,
The circle widens in the sky;
These are our treasures that remain
But those are stars that beam on high.”

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Approved the bonds of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, sister Harriette A. Ercanbrack, October 24, 1895. and those of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, on the same date.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

In accordance with the established rules, I signed with the Most Worthy Grand Patron a recognition notice establishing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

DEMITTS.

De Soto Chapter No. 11, of Logansport, La., having paid all dues to December 31st, 1897, and surrendered their Charter, I approved the action of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary in issuing demits to nine of its members.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

February 17, 1896, appointed sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, to install sister Helen Farnsworth, G. M. of Kansas, as Worthy Grand Marshal of the General Grand Chapter. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, sister Snedden was unable to attend to this duty, and on May 14th, 1896, sister Emma W. Port, Past Grand Matron, acted in her stead and installed the Worthy Grand Marshal.

APPROVED BY LAWS OF THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS:

Martha Chapter, No. 4, Washington, D. C.
Ruby, No. 9, Moscow, Idaho.
Esther, No. 5, Washington, D. C.
Mountain Queen, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho.
Concordia, No. 5, Baltimore, Maryland.
Shoshone, No. 10, Wallace, Idaho.
Baltimore, No. 4, Baltimore, Maryland.
Rock City, No. 7, Nashville, Tennessee.
Pentalpha, No. 6, Savage, Maryland.
Electa, No. 5, Sundance, Wyoming.
Laurel, No. 13, Lewiston, Idaho.
Oakleaf, No. 6, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Monumental, No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland.
Princeton, No. 17, Princeton, Kentucky.
Valley, No. 3, Provo City, Utah.
Electa, No. 5, Luray, Virginia.
Mizpah, No. 9, Frederick, Maryland.
Ruth, No. 7, Hiattsville, Maryland.

Magdaline, No. 7, Stanleytown, Virginia.
East Nashville, No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee.
Maryland, No. 2, Baltimore, Maryland.
Wyoming, No. 7, Rawlins, Wyoming.
Dolorres, No. 7, New Smyrna, Florida.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Naomi, No. 3, Washington, D. C.
Lynds, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Alpha, No. 1, Laramie, Wyoming.
Shoshone, No. 10, Wallace, Idaho.
Mountain Gem, No. 7, Lewiston, Idaho.
Naomi, No. 2, Sheridan, Wyoming.
Mizpah, No. 6, Idaho City, Idaho.
Queen Esther, No. 12, Cœur d'Alene, Idaho.
Mountain Queen, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho.
Baltimore, No. 4, Baltimore, Maryland.
Valley, No. 3, Provo, Utah.
Lynds, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Mountain Gem, No. 7, Lewiston, Idaho.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons, I have granted special dispensations to the following named Chapters, to elect and install officers out of regular time; also waiver of jurisdiction, etc.

December 9, 1895. Granted waiver of jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to the Grand Matron of Massachusetts to receive a petition from a resident of Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1895. Waiver of jurisdiction in favor of a resident of Clinton, Louisiana, to receive the degrees in Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, at Monroe, Louisiana.

December 16, 1895. Special dispensation to Inverness Chapter No. 4, at Inverness, Florida, to elect officers on other than the nights specified in their By-laws.

March 16, 1896. Alpha Chapter No. 1, at Laramie, Wyoming, to hold a meeting without the presence of the charter, the same not being signed in accordance with the law and had been returned to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, for correction.

April 4, 1896. Signed call to organize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

June 19, 1896. Inverness Chapter No. 4, Inverness, Florida, to ballot on petition waiving time.

June 19, 1896. Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe, Louisiana, to elect and install a Worthy Matron, the incumbent having removed permanently from the State.

October 18, 1896. Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah, declared the Chair of the Worthy Matron vacant and granted dispensation to elect and install a successor on account of permanent removal from the State.

October 23, 1896. Ruth Chapter No. 3, at Pocatello, Idaho, to elect and install an Associate Matron, vacancy caused by death.

December 3, 1896. Baltimore Chapter No. 4, Baltimore, Maryland, to elect officers at other than the regular time.

December 4, 1896. East Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee, to elect and install officers at other than regular time.

December 11, 1896. Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Hagerstown, Maryland, to install officers at other than the prescribed time.

December 14, 1896. Waiver of jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to the Grand Matron of California to receive the petition of a lady resident of Honduras. Also one to the Grand Matron of Massachusetts to receive the petition of a resident under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

January 1, 1897. Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah, Virginia, to elect officers at other than the regular time.

March 3, 1897. Miriam Chapter, No. 1, Wheeling,

Virginia, to elect a Worthy Patron, illness having prevented his being present the evening of election.

March 4, 1897. Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City, Louisiana, to elect and install a full corps of officers for the year 1897.

March 30, 1897. Waiver of jurisdiction to the Grand Matron of Texas to receive the petition of a lady resident of Tucson, Arizona, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

July 1, 1897. Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo, West Virginia; to elect an Associate Matron out of the regular time.

July 29, 1897. Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, to elect and install Worthy Patron at other than the prescribed time.

September 13, 1897. Declined to grant to the Grand Matron of the District of Columbia a dispensation to elect to membership a resident of Long Island, New York.

September 27, 1897. Waiver of jurisdiction to the Grand Matron of Missouri to receive the petition of a lady, a resident under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

November 29, 1897. Waiver of jurisdiction of a resident of Mississippi to join the Chapter in Kentwood, Louisiana.

November 29, 1897. Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, to receive the petition of a resident before the required time of residence in the jurisdiction.

December 2, 1897. Naomi Chapter No. 2, Sheridan, Wyoming, to elect officers at other than the regular time.

December 10, 1897. Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton, Kentucky, to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

December 30, 1897. Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Hagerstown, Maryland, to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

January 7, 1898. Golden Rule Chapter No. 6, Trussville, Alabama, to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

January 10, 1898. To Good-Intent Chapter No. 13, Kentwood, Louisiana, to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

January 13, 1898. Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City, Idaho, to elect and install a Worthy Patron, the brother elected having declined to be installed.

January 14, 1898, Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe, Louisiana, to conclude the election and installation of officers.

January 19, 1898. To Queen Esther Chapter, at Trion Factory, Ga., to elect a full corps of officers, stormy weather preventing at the regular time.

February 5, 1898. To Adah Chapter No. 3, Albuquerque N. M., to elect and install a Worthy Patron.

February 25, 1898. To Hugh Duncan Chapter, Salmon City, Idaho, to install an Associate Matron.

March 9, 1898. Granted Waiver of Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to the Grand Matron of Minnesota to receive petition of a lady residing under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

March 27, 1898. Dispensation to Gordy Chapter No. 14, Ruston, Louisiana, to ballot at special meeting, members all notified to be present. In this case the parties were teachers living twenty-five miles away and could not be present at a regular meeting of the Chapter.

March 29, 1898. Granted permission to Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace, Idaho, to erase names from Chapter of parties who failed to present themselves for initiation after being duly notified a number of times, the Chapter being in existence three years.

April 23, 1898. At the request of the Worthy Patron and Associate Matron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, I declared their chairs vacant and granted a dispensation to elect and install their successors.

July 14, 1898. Dispensation to Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah, to hold meetings without charter.

July 14, 1898. Dispensation to Esther Chapter No. 14,

Blackfoot, Idaho, to receive petition, waiving time of residence in jurisdiction.

August 22, 1898. Dispensation was granted Ruth Chapter No. 19, O. E. S., located at Gravel Switch, Ky., to elect a Worthy Patron at their regular meeting, August 27, 1898.

DECISIONS RENDERED.

Hundreds of questions have been submitted to me for decision, many of them being answered by referring to the Constitution Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

The ever recurring question of the eligibility of a step-daughter to membership has been asked seventy-six times during the present administration; whereas, by referring to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter they could have readily seen the decisions on that subject, viz.: "if step-daughters be legally adopted, they are eligible to membership."

I will only present a few of the most important questions and my decisions for your consideration, in order to avoid repetition.

1. *Question.* Through some mistake of the Mason, who organized our Chapter, a demitted Mason was accepted as a charter member. He has since asked for his demit and has moved away from this place. Shall we grant him his demit?

Answer. The brother to whom you refer was not entitled to become a member of our Order, he being a demitted Mason at the time; but as he was vouched for by a Master Mason (who erred by so doing), and as he received the degrees, if no charges are preferred against him and he not being an installed officer, I shall decide that he is entitled to his demit.

2. *Ques.* Is a Master Mason's daughter, who married a man not a Mason, eligible to become a member of the O. E. S.?

Ans. The daughter of an *affiliated* Master Mason in good standing, though married to a man not a Mason, is still the daughter of a Master Mason and eligible to the degrees.

3. *Ques.* A Grand Matron asks this question: Does the suspension of a brother from his Masonic Lodge for non-payment of dues, carry with it suspension from a Chapter of O. E. S.?

Ans. In my opinion it does not. See page 7 of the Ritual under the heading of Membership—How Forfeited.

4. *Ques.* How should the officers of the General Grand Chapter be introduced in a Grand Chapter?

Ans. It is optional. That is a courtesy each Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter may exercise according to their own ideas of etiquette.

5. *Ques.* Our By-Laws require that a brother, who petitions for the degrees, shall be a member of the Masonic Lodge in good standing. Is a demitted member considered as such?

Ans. No. See Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, page 5 and on page 1 of the Ritual and page 7 under the heading of Membership.

6. *Ques.* Can I open Chapter and transact routine business without a Patron or any brother being present?

Ans. Yes; unless you have by-laws providing that a brother must be present. The Worthy Matron may open Chapter and transact all business, except conferring degrees.

7. *Ques.* Who is custodian of the Secret Work?

Ans. If the Worthy Patron is a regular attendant, the Secret Work should be in his charge. If not, in charge of the Worthy Matron; and in the absence of both Worthy Patron and Matron, the Associate Matron should be the custodian.

8. *Ques.* The following question is from a Grand Matron: Who is the executive head of the General Grand Chapter between sessions; the Most Worthy Grand Matron or the Most Worthy Grand Patron?

Ans. The Most Worthy Grand Matron. See Article 8, Section 5, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

9. *Ques.* I have a niece whom I have raised, whose mother died when she was three months old; may she join the Chapter on my husband's standing?

Ans. If you have legally adopted your niece, she may petition the Chapter for the degrees as your adopted daughter. If you have not done so, she is ineligible.

10. *Ques.* What is the response to be given by Grand Officers when the grand honors are extended to them?

Ans. The Ritual being silent on that subject, I would recommend a slight bow in recognition of the honors extended.

11. *Ques.* May I dispense with the opening ceremonies at a called meeting?

Ans. No. The whole of the opening ceremony must be used in called or special meetings, "except for public installations or funerals."

12. *Ques.* A sister suspended for non-payment of dues, now asks for a demit but is unable to pay the back dues. The Chapter is willing to remit them, and grant her request. Will it be legal to do so?

Ans. Yes, the Chapter may by a majority vote remit her dues, then declare the sister re-instated and issue a demit.

13. *Ques.* Would a meeting be legal if a Past Patron opens the Chapter, the first three officers of the Chapter being absent?

Ans. No. See Rules and Regulations, page 2, section 4.

14. *Ques.* Can a lady whose husband is not a Mason, petition for the degrees on her foster father's Masonic standing?

Ans. No, not unless she be legally adopted by the said foster father.

15. *Ques.* Can the Worthy Matron order the members to ballot on slips of paper on the application of a petitioner for the degrees, (the ballot box being misplaced.) Would the ballot be legal?

Ans. No. The ballot on a petition must be in accordance with the established rules of the Order, and a correct ballot must be had at your next regular meeting.

16. *Ques.* A petition for the degrees was signed by two members of the Investigating Committee. The Master Mason appointed failing to sign the same, was it ready for ballot?

Ans. No. The Master Mason should report on the application, for only he can vouch for the masonic standing, or relationship of the applicant. In his absence, the Worthy Matron should appoint a brother who may report at once, if necessary; and unless so endorsed by a brother, it is not ready for the ballot.

17. *Ques.* A clause in our By-Laws, as amended, renders a member liable to suspension who is in arrears for dues for one year, if, after due notice, they fail to pay the same or the Chapter remits them. Can we proceed at once, in accordance with the amendment approved by you?

Ans. Unless the Chapter remits the dues, you can proceed at once to act in accordance with your By-Laws as they now stand.

18. *Ques.* If both the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron be absent, who shall preside at the meeting of the Chapter?

Ans. The Worthy Patron should invite a sister, (a Past Matron if one be present) to preside over the meeting.

19. *Ques.* What part of the Ritual may be used when trying to explain to non-members the purposes and objects of our Order, when inducing them to become members?

Ans. Page 40 of the Ritual, the last four lines, and as far down on page 41 as the words "active duty" can be referred to with propriety.

20. *Ques.* If a Chapter holds a public installation of officers, can all from page 69 to page 95 of the Ritual be used?

Ans. Yes, at the installation of Officers, be it public or private, the regular ceremony from page 69 to page 95 inclusive must be adhered to.

21. *Ques.* Should a Chapter pay the per capita tax, before the newly elected officers are installed. If so, to whom is it to be paid?

Ans. Yes. Your per capita tax should be sent to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary as soon as possible after the annual report of your Secretary has been read in Chapter.

23. *Ques.* Who should install a new board of officers, the incoming Matron or Patron, or the retiring ones?

Ans. The retiring Matron or Patron, as the Ritual on page 69 prescribes that the installing officer must be a present or past Worthy Matron or Patron.

24. *Ques.* What will we do with members who have been notified four or five times about their dues. Our By-Laws make no provision for such cases.

Ans. Offer a resolution to amend your By-Laws to read as follows: "When a member fails to pay dues for the period of one or two years (whichever you may decide upon), after thirty days' notice has been given them, that unless otherwise ordered by the Chapter, they will be liable to suspension from the privileges of the Order.

25. *Ques.* There is the name of a gentleman on our Charter who did not join when the Chapter was instituted, who now desires to receive the degrees. Can we initiate him without an election by ballot. He is a desirable party.

Ans. Yes. He was virtually elected with the rest whose names appear on the Charter and is entitled to the degrees without further action.

26. *Ques.* Should we give the Grand Honors to all Past Grand officers in Grand Chapter and invite them to seats in the East?

Ans. This courtesy is optional. If you desire to extend the Grand Honors to Past Grand Matrons and Patrons as a courtesy for former services rendered, I can see no objection to their being so honored by your Grand Chapter.

27. *Ques.* What officers of the General Grand Chapter are entitled to the Grand Honors in Grand or Subordinate Chapters?

Ans. In my opinion all elective officers of the General Grand Chapter are entitled to the Grand Honors, and they being

Past Grand Matrons the courtesy may justly be extended to the appointed officers in Grand or Subordinate Chapters.

28. *Ques.* We have several names on our Charter of persons who have not received the degrees, who have several times been requested to present themselves for initiation. Having failed to do so, we desire to have their names erased from our Charter. How shall we proceed?

Ans. Have the Secretary instructed, at a regular meeting of your Chapter, to notify the parties to the effect, that if within ninety days they do not present themselves for initiation, steps will be taken to have their names erased from the Charter.

29. *Ques.* Can the Worthy Patron call on the Worthy Matron to give the obligation. Our Past Grand Matron decided that he could do so.

Ans. I find nothing in the Ritual or in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter authorizing the Worthy Matron to give the obligation. At the foot of page 62 of the Ritual it reads as follows: The Worthy Matron may at the request of the Worthy Patron conclude the initiation ceremonies.

30. *Ques.* Can we hold our meetings in any other than a Masonic Hall?

Ans. Yes, but a Masonic Hall is more desirable and every effort should be made to secure it for the meetings of the Chapter.

31. *Ques.* When in Grand Chapter is the proper time to extend the Grand Honors to Past Grand officers and escort them to the East?

Ans. Any time after the Grand Chapter has been declared open for the transaction of business. This rule would apply to Subordinate Chapters also.

32. *Ques.* Is the wife of a Mason under the age of eighteen years eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star?

Ans. No. See Ritual page 1, under the heading Membership.

33. *Ques.* Can we give a social entertainment under the auspices of our Chapter to raise funds to meet our indebtedness. Some of our members object to our so doing.

Ans. Bring the matter before your Chapter under Good of the Order, have it thoroughly discussed and voted on. If a majority are in favor, I know of nothing to prevent. Would advise caution as to the character of entertainment given?

38. *Ques.* There are in the jurisdiction of our Chapter several ladies upon whom the degrees of the Eastern Star were conferred, but they were never organized into a Chapter. What relation do they sustain to us? Should we allow them to visit our Chapter, and if they desire to become members, how should we proceed?

Ans. The degrees having been communicated to the ladies and no Chapter organized, the parties have no legal standing in our Order and must present petitions for membership in the usual manner.

39. *Ques.* Our Worthy Patron is very desirous that his mother-in-law should join our Chapter. Her first husband died a Mason in good standing, but her present husband is not a Mason. Can we receive her petition?

Ans. The lady lost her identity as the widow of a Mason when she re-married, rendering her ineligible to the degrees of our Order.

40. *Ques.* From whom can the Ritual be procured? Are we permitted to loan the Ritual to possible or non-possible candidates?

Ans. Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Secretary, is the only authorized agent. Orders must be sent to her by the Secretary of the Chapter. The Ritual should be guarded as sacredly as the secret work of the Order and under no consideration should be loaned to non-members of the Order.

41. *Ques.* Has a party who received the degrees of our Order in a Masonic Lodge in 1863 the right to petition for membership by affiliation, they holding a certificate from a

Master of the Lodge F. & A. M., stating that she received instructions in the O. E. S. as above stated.

Ans. No. Persons joining a Chapter by affiliation must present a legal demit from a Subordinate Chapter, the party in question having no legal standing in the Order.

42. *Ques.* Is a deaf person eligible to the degrees?

Ans. If the person be so deaf that they can communicate only by signs or writing, they are not eligible to the degrees. But if they can converse through an ear trumpet, I see no reason why they may not be admitted.

43. *Ques.* Is a blind person eligible to the degrees of our Order.

Ans. No. Their condition renders them physically incapable of receiving the degrees.

43. *Ques.* Should a member hailing from Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey or New York be permitted to visit Chapters under the General Grand Chapter?

Ans. Yes. The General Grand Chapter settled that by admitting them at the session held in Boston in 1895. See General Grand Chapter proceedings, page 15.

45. *Ques.* Are not the funeral services of the Order intended for sisters only, as the brothers have the Masonic ceremony for their use at interment?

Ans. The ceremonial of our Ritual is, I believe, intended for the sisters only. Still, if a brother should be unfortunate, by holding his demit from his Masonic Lodge, and he a member in good standing in our Order, who requests the Eastern Star burial service, I suppose the words could be transposed to meet the occasion. I know of no law preventing being buried by our Order at his request.

DECISIONS.

46. A number of persons desirous of forming a Chapter signed a petition for the same. But after re-

ceiving the degrees, many of them decided to unite with the sister Chapters.

Some funds have been collected to procure paraphernalia. The brother who had hoped to institute the Chapter, desired to be relieved of the responsibility as several parties wished to claim the money, and requested me to inform him how to dispose of the same, he believing that according to the agreement—signed by them—should they fail to organize a Chapter, the property, etc., should revert to the General Grand Chapter.

I replied that the petitioners pledged for each other that if they failed to organize, all money or property should be forwarded to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary; and instructed the brother to forward the money to sister L. J. Pitkin, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, who would receipt for the same. Should further action be taken by the remaining petitioners to complete the organization of a Chapter, during the present administration, the amount paid will be credited to them.

47. *Ques.* We have in our city a lady, highly respected in the community, who was rejected by our Chapter; and we have every reason to believe it was a personal matter that prompted the act. Can we make this an emergency case and act on her petition at any time we have opportunity when the suspected party is absent from the regular meeting of the Chapter.

Ans. While I regret that the members of our Order forget the use of and abuse the privileges of the ballot, the emergency clause in my opinion is not intended to cover a case like the one you have stated, and I am not in favor of depriving any member of their privileges by taking undue advantage of their absence.

48. *Ques.* (From a Grand Patron.) Can a corps of officers

working under a dispensation granted by the Grand Matron, legally act on petitions and confer the degrees?

Ans. In my opinion—yes. Does not the Dispensation granted Chapters U. D. so state? If it does not, it should so read.

49. *Ques.* We have in our Chapter two sisters who were elected to office, one as Associate Matron, the other as Secretary, neither were present at election or at the installation, but were installed by proxy. Is it legal to so elect officers? Neither of them have attended a meeting since election. What can we do in order to fill their stations permanently? It is not pleasant to have a new secretary every meeting and work a hardship on the Chapter.

Ans. I know of no law preventing a Chapter from electing to office absent members, providing they have expressed a willingness to serve, but no elective officer can be installed by proxy. Their installation should have been postponed until they could be present, the present officers retaining the positions until their successors are legally installed. I therefore advise that at the next regular meeting, you present a resolution to the Chapter asking that these chairs be declared vacant, if after thirty days' notice the sisters do not present themselves for installation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Recommend that Section 1, Article 15, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, under the heading of Subordinate Chapters, be amended so as to read: "where more than two Chapters exist, without the consent of a majority of all the Chapters in said town or city."

2. Recommend that Sect. 2, Art. 6, Constitution of General Grand Chapter be amended so as to read: "And each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in

States and Territories, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter."

3. Recommend that Sect. 1, Art. 2, under the heading of officers, be amended and that the titles of the Worthy Grand Conductress and Worthy Associate Grand Conductress (which were made elective at the last session of this Grand Body) be changed to Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and that they precede in rank those of Worthy Grand Chaplain, the word "Very" be eliminated from title of chaplain.

4. Recommend that all questions shall be referred to the Most Worthy Grand Matron for decision, except as provided in Section 5, Article 8, General Grand Chapter Constitution.

5. Recommend that Sect. 5, Art. 8, be amended by adding after the word "powers," "and *shall* sign with the Most Worthy Grand Patron all circular letters authorizing the formation of Grand Chapters, also the notices of recognition."

6. Recommend that after an applicant has been elected to receive the degrees he or she must present himself or herself for initiation within six months from the date of such election. Failing to do so, said election shall be deemed void and the fee forfeited to the Chapter, unless for sufficient reasons shown, the Chapter shall otherwise determine.

7. Recommend that the sum of One Dollar be charged for each special dispensation granted by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, fee for the same to accompany request.

8. After my experience I would earnestly recommend the adoption of the recommendation offered by my esteemed predecessor, Mary C. Snedden, "That special Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron,

for the purpose of organizing Chapters, may be either a brother or sister, duly qualified."

9. Amend Sec. 20, Page 5, Rules and Regulations, by striking out Section 20 and inserting the following: "Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues for two years, after 30 days' notice at the discretion of the Chapter may be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order."

10. Also to amend Sec. 2, Page 5, under heading of Trails, that the words "other than non-payment of dues" be inserted after the words "for any cause."

11. Also recommend that Sec. 7, of Rules and Regulations, Page 2, be amended by inserting after the word "committee" "of three members one of whom shall be a brother for investigation, who shall report at the next regular meeting, upon the applicants, unless further time be granted by the Chapter," and that the remaining clause referring to cases of emergency be stricken out.

12. Would also recommend "That members holding Dimits be privileged to visit one year, after which time provision be made, whereby they may retain their standing in the Order, by contributing to the nearest Chapter the full amount charged by said Chapter for the annual dues."

13. Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah, has met with a sad experience. The Masonic Hall in which their meetings were held, having been destroyed by fire, and our Order as well as the Brotherhood lost all their property, some of them their homes and barely escaped with their lives, but undaunted by the calamity, their interest in the Order was unabated, and they were desirous to hold their next regular meeting. In the absence of the Charter and lodge room, I gave them permission to hold their

meetings in a school building, and without Charter until such time as our Most Worthy Grand Patron, brother Hinds, could issue them a duplicate Charter. Our sympathy is with them in their great loss sustained. I earnestly recommend that the dues of Mountain Chapter for the year 1898 be remitted.

14. I find no law requiring Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to present their Code of By-Laws to the Most Worthy Grand Matron for approval, and recommend that a clause be inserted in Rules and Regulations, governing said Chapters, instructing them to forward their By-Laws to the Most Worthy Grand Matron for approval.

AMENDMENT TO THE RITUAL.

15. Amend the Ritual on Page 18 by striking out the word, "fourteen," and inserting the word "seventeen," and on Page 19, by striking out the words "and may have," making the Chaplain, Marshal, and Organist regular officers and that the necessary change be made in the installation ceremony, and the duties of the officers added to conform to the above amendment.

The station of the Chaplain shall be in front of the Treasurer, at the right of the Worthy Matron, and the station of the Marshal shall be in front of the Secretary, at the left of the Worthy Patron.

The two last named officers to be seated on a level with the Star officers.

16. When visiting Ruby Chapter, Moscow, Idaho, my attention was called to the case of the Misses Whitworths, what action had been taken by the General Grand Chapter at its last session. Upon investigation, I found that our Most Worthy Grand Patron, J. R. Donnell, had submitted this matter to the General Grand Chapter for consideration, but could

not find that any action had been taken. I regretted having to decline to grant a dispensation in their favor as the matter was still before the General Grand Chapter. Their mother being a member of the Chapter and their father not a willful, unaffiliated Mason, I should be happy if some action could be had resulting in their favor.

VISITATION.

During my term of office I have received invitations from every Grand Chapter in the U. S. to attend their annual convocations, and numerous invitations from Subordinate Chapters to be present at installations, anniversaries and social gatherings. These courtesies were duly appreciated and attended whenever possible. But in many instances could only send greetings and regrets.

The following Grand Chapters have been visited:

September 10, 1895, the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire and installed its officers.

September 12, 1895, Grand Chapter of Maine and installed the officers; was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Hooper, Grand Secretary.

October 13, 1895, Grand Chapter of California, at Los Angeles.

June 8, 1896, Grand Chapter of Oregon; the guest of the Grand Chapter.

June 11, 1896, Grand Chapter of Washington; guest of Miss Hughes, Worthy Matron.

October 12, 1896, Grand Chapter of Texas; guest of the Grand Chapter.

June 2, 1897, Grand Chapter of Colorado, and installed the officers; guest of Mary E. Pierce, Grand Matron.

June 11, 1898, Grand Chapter of Minnesota at St. Paul, Minn., and installed the officers, entertained by Grand Chapter.

June 17, 1898, Grand Chapter of South Dakota, held at Readfield, S. D. Installed the officers; was the guest of the Grand Chapter.

June 22, 1898, Grand Chapter of Nebraska, held at Omaha; was guest of the Grand Chapter.

Sept, 21, 1898, Grand Chapter of New Jersey, held at Hoboken, New Jersey.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

September 7, 1895, Hawthorne Chapter No. 48, Concord, Massachusetts.

September 14, 1895, Martha Washington Chapter No. 4, Washington, District of Columbia.

September 16, 1895, Naomi Chapter No. 3, Washington District of Columbia.

The last two visits were at called meetings of the Chapter in honor of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. On each occasion delightful receptions were tendered us. While in Washington, we were the guests of brother and sister Williamson.

September 19, 1895, Ravenswood Chapter No. 190, Ravenswood, Illinois.

This being the official visit of the Grand Matron, sister Mate L. Chester, and a delightful evening was enjoyed.

September 20, 1895, Maple Chapter No. 90, Englewood, Illinois.

September 21, 1895, Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, Chicago, Illinois.

This is the home Chapter of our esteemed Right Worthy Grand Secretary, sister Lorraine J. Pitkin. After spending an enjoyable evening, I started that night on my journey westward, arriving at Austin, Nevada, September 25th, where I officially visited Electa Chapter No. 120, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of California.

September 26, 1895, Adah Chapter No. 122, Reno, Nevada, where a splendid reception was given me.

October 7, 1895, on my returning home from the East, I was met on every hand with a most affectionate greeting, and on this date was tendered a reception by the five Chapters of Alameda County, ably presided over by sister Augusta D. Wilson, Worthy Grand Matron. The decorations were appropriate and beautiful, the walls being draped with bunting of emblematic colors, relieved by choice flowers and potted plants. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, over six hundred members of the entire district being present. I was escorted to the East and introduced to the Grand Matron by brother M. S. Martin, Past Patron of Unity Chapter of Oakland, Chairman of the Reception Committee. During the evening I was the recipient of my beautiful General Grand Chapter jewel from my own Chapter, Oakleaf No. 8. An elaborate banquet was served. The affectionate welcome extended to me by friends on my returning home, will forever be the most treasured picture that will hang on memory's wall.

October 13, 1895, attended a reception given in the Chambers of Commerce, Los Angeles, in honor of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Chapter of California.

October 15, 1895, visited Acacia Chapter No. 21, Los Angeles.

October 16, 1895, Pasadena Chapter No. 108, Pasadena.

November 12, 1895, installed the officers of Unity Chapter No. 65, Oakland.

March 25, 1896, by special invitation attended the fifteenth anniversary of Unity Chapter.

April 8, 1896, Carita Chapter No. 115, Alameda; the occasion being the official visit of the Deputy.

April 16, 1896, Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, San Francisco, the parent Chapter of the Order on the Pacific Coast and where I learned the first lessons of our beloved Order.

April 17, 1896, Golden Wave Chapter No. 103, San Leandro, California.

May 1, 1896, Harmony Chapter No. 124, San Francisco.

May 5, 1896, Ivy Chapter No. 27, San Francisco.

May 22, 1896, Homo Chapter No. 50, Stockton, California.

All the above named Chapters were visited by special invitation, the occasion being the official visit of the Deputy Grand Matron.

June 13, 1896, Fern Chapter No. 7, Tacoma, Washington, where a magnificent reception was tendered me. This is the home Chapter of the efficient Grand Secretary of Washington, sister Libbie J. Demorest.

June 15, 1898, Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace, Idaho.

June 16, 1898, Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, of Lewiston, and Ruby Chapter of Moscow at a re-union.

June 19, 1896, Adah Chapter No. 8, at Boise City, Idaho.

June 20, 1896, Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City, Idaho.

June 24, 1896, Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello, Idaho.

June 26, 1896, Miriam Chapter No. 1, Helena, Montana; guest of sister Edna S. Hedges.

July 1, 1896, Butte Chapter No. 2, Butte, Montana.

July 3, 1896, Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah; guest of the Chapter.

July 6, 1896, Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah; guest of the Chapter.

September 28, 1896, Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott, Arizona.

October 2, 1896, Silver City Chapter No. 1, Silver City New Mexico.

October 5, 1896, Adah Chapter No. 3, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

October 7, 1896, Ransford Chapter No. 2, East Las Vegas, New Mexico.

October 9, 1896, Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton, New Mexico.

October 10, 1896, Trinidad No. 1, Trinidad, Colorado.

October 17, 1896, Alpha No. 178, El Paso, Texas.

November 19, 1896, installed the officers of Oakland Chapter No. 140, Oakland, California.

May 8, 1897, Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie, Wyoming.

May 14, 1897, Fort Casper, Wyoming.

May 17, 1897, Naomi No. 2, Sheridan, Wyoming.

May 21, 1897, Electa No. 5, Sundance, Wyoming.

On the occasion of all these visits, I was royally entertained by the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

May 26, 1897, assisted at the institution of Oakleaf Chapter No. 6 at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and installed the officers. While in Cheyenne, was the guest of sister Jones, the Worthy Matron.

September 21, 1897, by special invitation attended the twentieth anniversary of San Jose Chapter No. 31, San Jose, California.

November 26, 1897, installed the officers of Unity Chapter No. 65, of Oakland, California.

December 7, 1897, installed the officers of San Jose Chapter No. 31, San Jose, California.

During the month of December, 1897, I attended the installation of all the Chapters around the Bay, except Mission Chapter No. 154, and King Solomon's Chapter No. 157, both of San Francisco, which I attended on the 8th and 13th of January, 1898.

Aug. 30, 1898, Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling, W. Va.

Sept. 1, 1898, Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Sept. 3, 1898, Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock, Va.

Sept. 5, 1898, Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray, Va.

Sept. 6, 1888, Magdaline Chapter No. 7, Stanley, Va.

Sept. 7, 1898, Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah, Va.

Sept. 9, 1898, Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo, W. Va.

Sept. 12, 1898, Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg, Va.

Sept. 14, 1898, Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni, Va.

Sept. 15, 1898, Monumental Chapter No. 8, Baltimore, Md.

Sept. 19, 1898, Ruth Chapter No. 1, Brightwood, D. C.

Sept. 23, 1898, Mizpah Chapter No. 8, Washington, D. C.

While the extension of the Order is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, I have received many letters of inquiry from Chapters in different States as to the mode of procedure in organizing Grand Chapters, also subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter.

To all of these I have replied and referred the writers to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for the needed information on the subject.

During my visit to the Grand Chapter of Texas in October, 1896, brother Heil of San Antonio called my attention to the possibility of introducing the Order into Mexico. Many of the barriers having been removed by Grand Lodges of A. F. and A. M. by again recognizing the lodges in Mexico. Later I received a letter from him suggesting that we have the Ritual printed in the Spanish language, and a deputy appointed to introduce the Order in Mexico. I referred the question of organizing in Mexico to our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

I have received numerous letters from Mr. J. Morse, a resident of London, England, who received the degrees in San Francisco with a view of organizing Chapters in England, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron has had the same under advisement.

We had hoped to report the Order introduced in Honolulu before the close of our term of office; our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and myself having received very encouraging letters from leading members of the Masonic Fraternity. But alas, for human disappointments (contrary to the old adage, women proposed and man disposed).

While our ambitions have not been realized, the seed has been sown, and good results are bound to be realized in the near future.

The interest in our Order throughout the United States is steadily on the increase and the support we are receiving from the Masonic Fraternity (to whom we are indebted for our existence) is most encouraging and gratifying.

Delaware being the only State where our Order is not in existence, and our Right Worthy Grand Secretary has been in correspondence with the lodges there.

SO-CALLED HIGHER DEGREES.

During my term of office I have been repeatedly asked to endorse the so-called higher degrees to our Order and participate in their privileges; to all of which I have courteously declined. I regret exceedingly that the name of Eastern Star has been made one of the prerequisites for petitioners, as it is often misleading and some have joined in good faith believing it to be a higher degree to our Order. In reply to inquiries from several Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, I have advised that while we cannot prevent any of our members from joining any lodge or society, but they cannot in any manner connect them with the Ritual, or hold their sessions in Chapter room on regular nights of meetings of the Chapter, referring them to the decision of my predecessor, sister Mary C. Snedden, which was sustained by the General Grand Chapter.

CHARGES.

Ransford Chapter No. 2, E. Las Vegas, New Mexico. On November 26, 1896, charges were preferred by sister M. against sister S. on the grounds of conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

A trial was had on December 9, 1896, when the sister was declared expelled from the Chapter. On

May 13, 1897, I received from sister S. an appeal from the decision of said Chapter. I then wrote to the Secretary for a transcript of all the proceedings governing the case, which were promptly forwarded to me. After carefully considering the entire procedure, I found that the trial had not been had in accordance with the laws governing subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and therefore sustained the appeal remanding the case back for a new trial with directions how to proceed. Through the kindly interposition of a brother, who acted the part of the good Samaritan, sister M. consented to withdraw the charges. Sister S. asked for a Dimit and was by unanimous vote of the Chapter granted the same. This was her last request to the Chapter, she having died soon after this sad occurrence. I have placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances all the documents covering the case.

RITUAL.

1. My attention has been called a number of times on my visits to Chapters in regard to the change made on Page 67 of the Ritual, beginning at the fifth line and as far down the page as to the word "charity" on the thirteenth line. I wrote sister Pitkin regarding the change, who informed me that she was instructed to make the change by my esteemed predecessor. The change seemed only to correct the grammatical construction of the sentence, and in order to avoid any difficulty I recommend the same be approved.

2. I would ask this Grand Body to interpret the clause under the heading of "Membership," found on Page 1 of the Ritual.

3. I would also ask this Grand Body to define what part of the Ritual shall be considered as law,

and binding in the Grand Chapters who compose this General Grand Chapter.

4. Many members of the Order contend that decisions made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron, relating to membership, by extending the eligibility, is not valid, but should be presented as an amendment to the Ritual, and should be acted upon according to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

The decisions referring to the eligibility of half-sisters and adopted daughters, which were approved by the General Grand Chapter, is in the opinion of many null and void, as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter prescribes how the Ritual shall be amended.

My attention has been called to this many times during the past three years, and I am of the opinion the eligibility for the degrees and membership, should be uniform in all States, holding allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

INDEPENDENT GRAND CHAPTERS.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee as found on Page 148, Proceedings of the Session held at Boston in 1895, our R. W. Grand Secretary has written each of the Grand Chapters, inviting them to send a representative to this Session, and it is with pleasure I see so many visitors present, and I bid them a cordial welcome, with an earnest hope that each member may be able to report back to their several Grand Chapters, in favor of uniting with and becoming a constituent part of this Grand Body.

OPENING CEREMONY.

I have arranged a form for Opening and Closing of the General Grand Chapter, and present the same

for your consideration, as to its adoption by the General Grand Chapter for future use.

ESTHER CHAPTER, TENNESSEE.

Esther Chapter located at Bagdad, Tennessee, was re-organized Dec. 21st, 1895, and wishing to retain their former Charter, I endorsed the same, but gave them No. 5 on said Charter, in place of No. 1 as heretofore.

PLACE OF MEETING.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at Boston in 1895, see Proceedings 153, I wrote each Officer of the Committee as to their choice, where the Session should convene. Invitations having been received from Texas, Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Missouri. In reply all voted in favor of Washington, D. C., and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was notified in due time of our acceptance of their invitation, and the Order at large notified as to place of meeting per resolution adopted.

During the month of August, 1896, our R. W. Grand Secretary, sister L. J. Pitkin, wrote me that North & Taylor had failed, where over one thousand dollars General Grand Chapter money had been deposited, but assured me that she should replace the money, and has sacrificed her salary, until the full amount was replaced. I have called the attention of the Finance Committee to the loss, and requested them to thoroughly investigate the matter and report the facts to this Grand Body.

I hope that this Grand Body will not permit our sister to meet this loss, as it was not an "error of judgment," but one of the unfortunate experiences that has come to many societies and individuals during the past two years.

The bank was a reliable one, having passed through the trying times of 1893, and had among the depositors many of the most influential business firms of Chicago. This bank was among the very first to succumb in the financial crisis in 1896, many National Banks closing soon after.

CORRESPONDENCE.

When I assumed the duties of this office, believing that it would be for the good of the Order, and bring members and myself into closer touch with each other, I issued a circular letter of greeting to all subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, and to all the Grand Matrons of Grand Chapters, and from the kind responses I received, was assured that my feeble efforts met with approval.

I have issued each year since an annual greeting to the Chapters and Grand Chapters generally.

My correspondence has been extensive, having received letters of inquiry of every conceivable nature, to all of which I have replied, no letter having reached my office that has not been answered.

Many letters received and replied to have passed the six thousand mark, many of them being answered by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Body.

I have had the pleasure of corresponding with every Grand Matron up to the date of my leaving home, many Grand Patrons and Grand Secretaries also.

Numerous questions having been asked in regard to various departments of the work. To all Grand Officers I have given my "opinions," always as "advisory," and not as decisions.

During my visits to different States, I have many

times been asked the question as to what literature could be procured, and what periodicals could be found giving information pertaining to the O. E. S., and I have informed all such that we have a 16 page paper published in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. M. Worthy Grand Matron; the Signet by Mrs. Inez J. Bender, of Illinois, and the Mizpah at Marlboro, Massachusetts, by Mrs. Ella A. Bigelow.

I would earnestly commend the above Eastern Star papers to the Order at large, as deserving the support of all members.

It is not necessary for me to say to you, sisters and brothers, that my position as Most Worthy Grand Matron has been the Pioneer of the West — the duties of the Most Worthy Grand Matron having been enlarged at the Session of the General Grand Chapter held at Indianapolis in 1889.

When I reached home laden with the honors and responsibilities of the chief executive officer, I began to realize to some extent the responsibilities of the duties devolving upon me; and when from many Chapters on the Pacific Coast, I received so many letters, stating that they needed instructions and encouragement—to use their own words, “we are working in the dark with nothing but the Ritual to guide us,”—some appealing that they had never seen a General Grand Chapter Officer and had paid dues for many years and were entitled to some consideration. Others wrote that they had been struggling to exist for some time and unless instructions and encouragement were received, would surely die. I resolved that my first attention should be given Subordinate Chapters which had never been visited by an officer of the General Grand Chapter, believing that once in twenty-one years, in the existence of this General Grand Chapter, these remote Chapters were entitled to recognition.

The Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter have received attention so far as it has been possible for me to reach them. Chapters in the following named States have been visited personally by me: Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Maryland, West Virginia and "Old Virginia." The R. W. Grand Secretary having visited the Chapters in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, 7 in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

With one or two exceptions, the above Chapters were never visited by an officer of the General Grand Chapter and I found the officers generally doing good work, and are deserving of commendation for their energy and zeal. I am of the opinion that the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, should receive the same attention that subordinate Chapters do from their Grand Matrons.

I would therefore recommend that the Constitution be so amended that each Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall be visited by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, or a deputy appointed by her, once in three years, at the expense of the General Grand Chapter.

In carrying out my resolution I have necessarily had to travel extensively. Sometimes the body grew weary after spending half of the night side-tracked, waiting for trains to pass or in small stations when changing from one road to another; at other times encountering sand storms in Idaho or the cloud burst in Arizona; delayed by wash-outs on the road, or staging to visit a handful of zealous workers who fully appreciated our efforts. One of the most startling, being the fearful thunderstorm experienced in our forty-mile travel through the black hills of Wyoming to visit the Chapter at Sundance.

In all my journeyings as your representative, I

recognize the fact that the Father's care has ever been over me.

These visits have, I trust, been of lasting benefit to the Order, and the cordial greetings extended to me on all occasions will ever be remembered with much pleasure during the remaining days of my life.

I shall, when I reach my home, have traveled over 32,000 miles in the interest of the Order. The days, weeks and months spent in traveling, sometimes at great personal sacrifice on account of the continued disability of my companion in life and otherwise have freely been given you; only regretting that I could not do more for the Order which has been a part of my life these many years.

APPRECIATION.

In the matter of thanks, I am at a loss how to begin or where to end. Would I might express to each Grand and Subordinate Chapter, and the officers especially in both bodies, my appreciation of their many kindnesses to me—a stranger among them—would fill a volume. To each of you I can only express my heart-felt gratitude for the many acts of kindness while a guest among you, and the tokens received at different times during the years we have been so pleasantly associated together. May your labors in the coming years be crowned with success, and the choicest blessings from our Father in heaven be yours to enjoy. To the Past and Present Grand Officers I am under lasting obligations for all the courtesies they have shown to me. To my associate officers I am indebted for the support they have rendered me; and to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Lorraine J. Pitkin, for the valuable assistance she has at all times given me. Our beloved sister has, by

her faithfulness to every duty, won the love and esteem of our noble Order, and proven herself worthy of the important trust with which she has been invested.

As we assume the duties of legislation for the good of the General Grand Chapter, let us lay aside all personalities and conscientiously consider only what is best for the good and welfare of the entire Order; and may all our deliberations be governed by the lessons taught at the several points of our emblematic star.

CONCLUSION.

Sisters and brothers, the record of *some* of the duties performed during the three years I have served you are before you. While I have failed to accomplish all that I had hoped, I assure you that my best efforts for the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order have been freely given you. I have fully appreciated the confidence reposed in me by those, who by their preferment placed the gavel in my hands, which I shall soon return to you. I bespeak for my successor the support and confidence so freely accorded me.

I remain

Fraternally yours,

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

On motion the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard moved that we meet at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

William H. Norris moved as an amendment that

to-morrow we hold but one session, meeting from eight o'clock in the morning until noon, which motion prevailed.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron the Worthy Grand Marshal called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment until 4:30 o'clock P. M.

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY, Sept, 27, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor again at 4:30 o'clock, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open for business.

ADDRESS

OF

H. H. HINDS, MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read his address as follows:

To the General Grand Chapter:

The organic law of this Order assumes but little jurisdiction. The several Grand Chapters through their assembled representatives who constitute this Grand Body have clothed it with but little authority. Its jurisdiction may be summed up briefly, as follows:

- 1st. It shall furnish a ritual of work, a signet, and a form of installation for officers of all bodies of the Order.

2nd. Should controversies arise between Grand Chapters that they are unable to adjust themselves (a highly improbable circumstance) it may intervene and make a final determination.

3rd, and most important of all, it is granted jurisdiction over the face of the globe where no Grand Chapter exists, to organize and govern Subordinate Chapters. Such apparently is the scope, authority and field of work of this Grand Body. The moment a Grand Chapter is formed over a given jurisdiction and is recognized by this Grand Body or its legal representative, all authority of the General Grand Chapter ceases therein and thereafter, and the Grand Chapter, in assuming jurisdiction, becomes the final arbiter, judge and law giver of the jurisdiction.

I am aware that this Body formally approves or disapproves rulings and decisions as to O. E. S. law and usage, but none of these proceedings have the slightest binding effect upon any of the Grand Chapters or the members thereof. They have force and are binding only upon the Chapters and members thereof which are subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. Briefly, one kind of ruling and law may obtain in one grand jurisdiction and the opposite may obtain in another. This body may not intervene to reconcile the difference. There is this single exception (another highly improbable occurrence) that a Grand Chapter may itself refer a question for settlement to the General Grand Chapter.

It is made the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to assume the responsibility of organizing Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, and recognize Grand Chapters as same are formed. He is required to render an account of his stewardship at each regular session of this Grand Body. In conformity with that requirement this report is made.

I have issued charters for and caused to be instituted the following Chapters:

- October 8, 1895, issued charter for Vances Chapter, No. 2, Vances, South Carolina, instituted Dec. 5, 1895, by J. J. Woodard, Vances, S. C., with 27 charter members. W. M., Mrs. M. E. C. Avenger; W. P., Dr. W. H. Lawton; A. M., Mrs. Lillian Huston.
- October 8, 1895, issued charter for Lorraine Chapter, No. 12, Owenton, Kentucky, instituted by H. B. Beck, Owenton, Ky., with 31 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Jennie B. Taylor; W. P., W. P. Swope; A. M., Miss Sarah M. Smith.
- October 30, 1895, issued charter for Ruth Chapter, No. 3, Lewisburg, Alabama, instituted by A. L. Sharritt, Lewisburg, Ala., with 21 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Minerva Dement; W. P., Jerry Fountain; A. M., Miss E. A. Kuhn.
- December 7, 1895, issued charter for Martha Chapter, No. 3, Hahira, Georgia, instituted Feb. 3, 1896, by W. W. Webb, W. M. Hahira Lodge No. 346, A. F. & A. M., Ga., with 25 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Jennie McNeil; W. P., J. T. McNeil; A. M., Mrs. R. A. Ivey.
- December 30, 1895, issued charter for Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho, instituted Jan. 25, 1896, by Geo. D. Smith, Secretary Mount Idaho Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., Idaho, with 27 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Delia Auchinvole; W. P., A. W. Talkington; A. M., Mrs. Addie Bibbey.
- January 6, 1896, issued charter for Esther Chapter, No. 5, Washington, D. C., instituted January 9, 1896, by F. G. Alexander, W. P. Ruth Chapter, No. 1, Washington, with 44 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy; W. P., Frank H. Thomas; A. M., Mrs. C. B. Allen.
- January 11, 1896, issued charter for Adah Chapter, No. 6, Washington, D. C., instituted Jan. 16, 1896, by L. Cabell

- Williamson, P. W. P., Naomi Chapter, No. 3, with 20 charter members. W. M., Mrs. W. L. Nicholson; W. P., Chas. L. Patton; A. M., Mrs. Agnes H. Wilkins.
- January 22, 1896, issued charter for Queen Esther Chapter, No. 12, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, instituted Feb. 7, 1896, by H. W. Tyler, P. G. P., Washington O. E. S., with 24 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Mary Morris; W. P., John J. Havill; A. M., Mrs. Mary Mason.
- February 3, 1896, issued charter for Gordy Chapter, No. 14, Ruston, Louisiana, instituted February 13, 1896, by J. B. Illingsworth, Monroe, La., with 41 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Ollie S. Borden; W. P., John W. Jones; A. M., Mrs. Annie Holland.
- February 11, 1896, issued charter for Bardwell Chapter, No. 13, Bardwell, Kentucky, instituted Feb. 25, 1896, by H. A. Hodge, P. W. P., Marion Chapter, No. 7, Princeton, Ky., with 31 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Fanny Ray; W. P., T. T. Gardner; A. M., Mrs. Alice Taylor.
- February 19, 1896, issued charter for Queen Esther Chapter, No. 3, Hagerstown, Maryland, instituted March 3, 1896, by Harry B. Pearson, W. P., Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore, Md., with 28 charter members. W. M., Mrs. I. F. Swartz; W. P., Chester R. Hayes; A. M., Mrs. Belle Hayes.
- February 25, 1896, issued charter for Baltimore Chapter, No. 4, Baltimore, Maryland, instituted March 3, 1896, by John A. Becker, P. W. P., Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Baltimore, Md., with 15 charter members. W. M., M. Lizzie Lantz; W. P., Geo. N. Shaefer; A. M., Maggie E. Shaefer.
- February 25, 1896, issued charter for Alpha Chapter, No. 2, Ceredo, West Virginia, instituted March 7, 1896, by James McQuin, member Buena Vista Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., White Creek, W. Va., with 30 charter members. W. M., Miss Maggie Walton; W. P., Sam'l Ferguson; A. M., Mrs. Maggie Harrington.
- March 30, 1896, issued charter for Adah Chapter, No. 1, Wood-

stock, Virginia, instituted April 16, 1896, by R. G. Alexander, W. M., Union Lodge, No. 27, Rockingham, Va., with 22 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Cora Williams; W. P., L. S. Walker; A. M., Miss Sallie F. Clover.

April 17, 1896, issued charter for Alpha Chapter, No. 2, Petersburg, Virginia, instituted June 11, 1896, by D. S. R. Jones, W. M., Stark Lodge No. 124, Powhatan, Va., with 37 charter members. W. M., Miss Nora F. Davidson; W. P., D. S. R. Jones; A. M., Mrs. G. A. Worth.

June 9, 1896, issued charter for Ruth Chapter, No. 4, Harmony, Georgia, instituted July 9, 1896, by J. P. Bell, P. W. M., Aural Lodge, No. 239, Ga., with 41 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Maggie Herndon; W. P., Jas. P. Bell; A. M., Mrs. Flora Gillis.

July 6, 1896, issued charter for Lily of the Valley Chapter, No. 3, Orangeburg, South Carolina, instituted July, 1896, by Jas. F. Izlar, P. G. M., A. F. & A. M., So. Car., with 42 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Annie Wright Bell; W. P., Fred S. Dibble; A. M., Mrs. Rosalie E. Cooper.

July 6, 1896, issued charter for Silver Star Chapter, No. 3, Morehead, Kentucky, instituted July 25, 1896, by Jas. E. Wright, W. M., Morehead Lodge No. 654, A. F. & A. M. with 43 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Ella Minnick; W. P., Geo. T. Phipps; A. M., Mrs. Amanda Ewing.

July, 23, 1896, issued charter for Bristow Chapter, No. 15, Erlanger, Kentucky, instituted August 15, 1896, by E. W. Cadwell, Member Auroria Chapter, Ind., with 31 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Arabella Coe; W. P., Hewey Meyers; A. M., Miss Mattie Talbot.

August 14, 1896, issued charter for Milnes Chapter, No. 3, Shenandoah, Virginia, instituted Sep. 10, 1896, by Chester B. Hayes, W. P., Queen Esther, No. 3, Baltimore, Md., with 16 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Bessie C. Wolfe; W. P., Frank S. Loeb; A. M., Alice S. Heidler.

October 12, 1896, issued charter for Olive Leaf Chapter, No. 6, Dickson, Tennessee, instituted Oct. 30, 1896, by J. T. Spaul-

- ding, member Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville, with 20 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Annie Barry; W. P., N. R. Sugg; A. M., Mrs. Geo. D. Smith.
- November 20, 1896, issued charter for Botetourt Chapter, No. 4, Gloucester Court House, Virginia, instituted Dec. 8, 1896, by John B. Donovan, P. D. D. G. M., District No. 2, Virginia, with 26 charter members. W. M., Miss Nina Taliaferro; W. P., Rev. Wm. Ed. Wiatt; A. M., Mrs. Mary Lee Fitzhugh Jones.
- December 31, 1896, issued charter for Live Oak Chapter, No. 5, Daytona, Florida, instituted Jan. 15, 1897, by Jasse Oren, Member Lyra Chapter No. 129, Iowa, with 25 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Ida A. Peck; W. P., Geo. H. Clark; A. M., Mrs. Martha H. Carter.
- January 2, 1897, issued charter for Fellowship Chapter, No. 4, Fellowship, Alabama, instituted Feb. 6, 1897, by E. A. Brown, W. M., Fellowship Lodge No. 172, with 28 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Elizabeth Moore; W. P., Joseph A. Crocker; A. M., Mrs. Laura Elvod.
- January 2, 1897, issued charter for Jule Foster Chapter, No. 5, Darien, Georgia, instituted March 4, 1897, by O. E. Collar, member Miliken's Creek Lodge, No. 302, Ga., with 28 charter members. W. M., Alice Ellen Collar; W. P., O. E. Collar; A. M., Cora Wilhelmina Parker.
- February 2, 1897, issued charter for Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, Long Beach, Mississippi, instituted February 11, 1897, by W. J. Quarles, member Long Beach Lodge No. 422, Mississippi, with 32 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Fanny Cates; W. P., Joel N. Whitlon; A. M., Rebecca C. Jones.
- February 4, 1897, issued charter for Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove, Ky., instituted Feb. 27, 1897, by Rev. C. M. Buchanan, member Vine Grove Lodge, No. 803, with 20 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Lucy McCarty; W. P., Rev. C. W. Buchanan, A. M., Miss Ella Denvall.
- February 10, 1897, issued charter for Electa Chapter, No. 5,

Luray, Virginia, instituted Feb. 24, 1897, by J. H. Morrison, P. W. M., Lafayette Lodge, No. 134, A. F. & A. M., with 29 charter members. W. M., Miss Julia Adama; W. P., J. H. Morrison; A. M., Miss Ella Leikel.

February 15, 1897, issued charter for Rock City Chapter, No. 7, Nashville, Tennessee, instituted Feb. 19, 1897, by A. S. Williams, with 26 charter members. W. M., Mrs. James T. Ebaugh; W. P., W. F. Foster; A. M., Mrs. G. B. Carr.

February 24, 1897, issued charter for Concordia Chapter, No. 5, Baltimore, Maryland, instituted March 2, 1897, by Chester B. Hayes, W. P., Queen Esther Chapter, No. 3, Hagerstown, Md., with 56 charter members. W. M., Mary R. Bigelow; W. P., H. W. Nicholson; A. M., Malissa B. Evans.

February 27, 1897, issued charter for Pentalpha Chapter No. 6, Savage, Maryland, instituted March 6, 1897, by C. F. Stewart, member Maryland Chapter, No. 2, Baltimore, with 33 charter members. W. M., Miss Flora Morang; W. P., Robt. Morang, Sr.; A. M., Miss Annie Hammond.

March 16, 1897, issued charter for Florence Chapter, No. 5, Florence, Alabama, instituted April 1, 1897, by A. C. Chisholm, W. M., Florence Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., with 31 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Mary Coplan; W. P., Mason B. Shelton; A. M., Miss Viola Worly.

March 19, 1897, issued charter for Princeton Chapter, No. 17, Princeton, Kentucky, instituted April 2, 1897, by H. A. Hodge, P. P., Marion Chapter, No. 7, Ky., with 43 charter members. W. M., Mrs. M. J. L. Burchard; W. P., John P. Rascoe; A. M., Mrs. J. Ross Ingram.

April 9, 1897, issued charter for Ruth Chapter, No. 7, Hyattsville, Maryland, instituted April 21, 1897, by E. C. Register, W. P., Maryland Chapter, No. 2, Baltimore, with 42 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Blanche M. Noel; W. P., Milard F. Hobbs; A. M., Emily T. Schoepf.

April 9, 1897, issued charter for Laurel Chapter, No. 13, Lewiston, Idaho, instituted April 21, 1897, by D. M. White,

- P. W. P., Mountain Gem Chapter, No. 7, with 27 charter members. W. M., Marie C. Smith; W. P., Richard R. Steen; A. M., Julia E. Mallory.
- April 9, 1897, issued charter for Monumental Chapter, No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland, instituted May 25, 1897, by Fred W. Lantz, P. W. P., Alpha Chapter, No. 1, with 18 charter members. W. M., Mollie, E. Burke; W. P., M. C. Brotherton; A. M., Katie C. Meisner.
- April 26, 1897, issued charter for Greenwood Chapter, No. 4, Greenwood, South Carolina, instituted May 1, 1897, by F. S. Evans, W. M., Greenwood Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., with 18 charter members. W. M., Mrs. M. C. Milwee; W. P., Dr. N. B. Milwee; A. M., Mrs. M. B. Reynolds.
- May 17, 1897, issued charter for Naomi Chapter, No. 3, Wesson, Mississippi, instituted by John Mason, W. P., Winnie Davis Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., with 24 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Wilson Newsome; W. P., A. T. Woodin; A. M., Mrs. W. T. Scales.
- May 17, 1897, issued charter for Valley Chapter, No. 3, Provo City, Utah, instituted June 25, 1897, by J. C. Budds, P. W. P., Lynds Chapter, No. 1, Salt Lake City, with 34 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Anna Marwick; W. P., John Marwick; A. M., Mrs. Lillie G. Wright.
- May 17, 1897, issued charter for Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 6, Cheyenne, Wyoming, instituted May 26, 1897, by A. S. Harmon, P. W. P., Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Laramie, Wyoming, with 25 charter members. W. M., Mrs. T. E. James; W. P., Dr. E. P. Rohrbaugh; A. M., Mrs. Mattie E. Hansen.
- June 12, 1897, issued charter for Electa Chapter, No. 6, Atlanta, Georgia, instituted June 18, 1897, by Dr. H. K. Main, member Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Ga., with 34 charter members. W. M., Mrs. M. W. Rauschenburg; W. P., E. P. Wood; A. M., Mrs. R. M. Rose.
- June 22, 1897, issued charter for Hurricane Chapter, No. 8,

- Hurricane, Tennessee, instituted June 26, 1897, by J. J. Sanders, W. M., Geo. Hillman Lodge, No. 431, with 52 charter members. W. M., Mrs. R. A. Massy; W. P., J. J. Sanders; A. M., Miss Asilee May.
- June 24, 1897, issued charter for Martha Pitman Chapter, No. 18, Pittsburg, Kentucky, instituted by John Pitman, July 21, 1897, with 39 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Jennie Anderson; W. P., C. D. Anderson; A. M., Mrs. Nellie S. McNeil.
- June 26, 1897, issued charter for Mizpah Chapter, No. 9, Frederick, Maryland, instituted July 9, 1897, by H. W. Nicholson, W. P., Concordia Chapter, No. 5, Baltimore, with 61 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Agnes Fearhake; W. P., Wm. Nash Young; A. M., Mrs. Lola M. Duvall.
- July 12, 1897, issued charter for Seminole Chapter, No. 6, Sanford, Florida, instituted July 20, 1897, by Rev. Harry Cassil, member Fort Worth Lodge, No. 148, Texas, with 19 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Jennie Cassil; W. P., H. E. Munson; A. M., Mrs. Annie B. S. Munson.
- July 22, 1897, issued charter for Blackwater Chapter, No. 6, Zuni, Virginia, instituted Sept. 1, 1897, by Frank L. Snipes, P. W. M., Blackwater Lodge, No. 134, A. F. & A. M., with 30 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Viola G. Darden; W. P., E. G. Clark; A. M., Mrs. Irene A. Duck.
- July 23, 1897, issued charter for Elmwood Chapter, No. 9, Elmwood, Tennessee, instituted August 7, 1897, by Dr. E. H. Knight, member Snow Creek Lodge, No. 346, Tenn., with 26 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Sallie M. Hart; W. P., H. E. Hart; A. M., Mrs. Fannie Thackston.
- July 28, 1897, issued charter for Golden Rule Chapter, No. 6, Trussville, Alabama, instituted Sep. 11, 1897, by Z. R. Day, W. M., Georgia Ann Davis Lodge, A. F. and A. M., with 34 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Mattie B. Day; W. P., W. O. M. Franklin; A. M., Mrs. Rosa Frazier.
- August 30, 1897, issued charter for Augusta Chapter, Mason, West Virginia. Mrs. Augusta Sehon, W. M., P. L. Clifton,

W. P., and Mrs. Sarah E. Carriens, Associate Matron, with 13 charter members. The original charter was returned to me and the Chapter has never been organized. They requested the return of the charter fee. The whole question as to what is the expedient and proper thing to do in the premises, is now placed in the hands of this General Grand Chapter.

September 10, 1897, issued charter for Ruth Chapter, No. 19, Station Point, Kentucky, instituted Oct. 2, 1897, by M. W. Penn, Sec'y. T. W. Wash Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., with 27 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Alice H. Miner; W. P., M. W. Penn; A. M., Mrs. Victoria A. Pipes.

October 22, 1897, issued charter for Charity Chapter, No. 5, Elloree, South Carolina, instituted Nov. 3, 1897, by D. J. Avinger, member Vances Chapter, No. 2, Vances, S. C., with 30 charter members. W. M., Mrs. H. A. Sanders; W. P., W. W. Stutts; A. M., Mrs. J. F. Stutts.

November 13, 1897, issued charter for Magdalene Chapter, No. 7, Stanley, Virginia, instituted Nov. 19, 1897, by J. H. Morrison, W. P., Electa Chapter, No. 5, with 21 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Lillie L. Graves; W. P., A. K. Grim; A. M., Miss Lena M. Coffman.

November 19, 1897, issued charter for Wyoming Chapter, No. 7, Rawlins, Wyoming, instituted Dec. 9, 1897, by A. S. Harmon, P. P., Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Laramie, with 37 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Ada Miller; W. P., Henry A. Kirk; A. M., Mrs. Juletta Rankin.

December 11, 1897, issued charter for Ruth Chapter, No. 6, Deming, New Mexico, instituted Feb. 16, 1898, by Albert Beals, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., New Mexico. with 30 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Mary W. Beals; W. P., Seaman Field; A. M., Mrs. Achsa Field.

February 9, 1898, issued charter for Webb Chapter, No. 20, New Castle, Kentucky, instituted Feb. 19, 1898, by Robert Arnold, W. M., Simpson Lodge, No. 1897, A. F. & A. M.,

- with 31 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Gertrude Sanders; W. P., Robt. Arnold; A. M., Mrs. Jessie H. Arnold.
- March 21, 1898, issued charter for Doric Chapter, No. 7, Cohatta, Georgia, instituted March 30, by Max Meyerhardt, W. M., Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, Rome, Ga., with 29 charter members. W. M., Miss Bettie Groves; W. P., H. M. Brown; A. M., Fannie Hambright.
- March 21, 1898, issued charter for Amanda Chapter, No. 10, Crossville, Tennessee, instituted April 11, 1898, by Dr. W. S. De Golia, W. M., Crossville Lodge, No. 483, A. F. & A. M., with 21 charter members. W. M., Miss Flora Hamby; W. P., Dr. W. S. De Golia; A. M., Mrs. H. O. Newberry.
- March 28, 1898, issued charter for Esther Chapter, No. 14, Blackfoot, Idaho, instituted April 9, 1898, by Wm. Kelly, W. P., Ruth Chapter, No. 3, Pocatello, Idaho, with 30 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Helen E. Hull; W. P., Geo. L. Wall; A. M., Mrs. Viola M. Campbell.
- March 28, 1898, issued charter for Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, McComb City, Mississippi, instituted April 16, 1898, by Leigh Watkins, member McComb City Lodge, No. 382, A. F. & A. M., Miss., with 48 charter members. W. M., Mrs. C. M. Halstead; W. P., Theo. W. Sloan; A. M., Mrs. W. L. Oakley.
- April 6, 1898, issued charter for Reba May Chapter, No. 8, Woodbine, Georgia, instituted April 21, 1898, by Rev. Harry Cassil, with 20 Charter members. W. M., Mrs. Leah Rose; W. P., Rufus S. Lang; A. M., Mrs. Maude S. Godley.
- May 4, 1898, issued charter for Dolorres Chapter, No. 7, New Smyrna, Florida, instituted May 20, 1898, by Jas. Carnell, member Halifax Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M., Daytona, with 21 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Minnie L. Moore; W. P., F. A. Barrett; A. M., Miss Amelia Moeller.
- June 11, 1898, issued charter for Water Valley Chapter, No. 5, Water Valley, Mississippi, instituted July 5, 1898, by W.

F. Cole, member Lexington Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & A. M., with 38 charter members. W. M., Mrs. A. Kennedy; W. P., J. K. Fulson; A. M., Mrs. T. J. Binford.

June 18, 1898, issued charter for Tilton Chapter, No. 9, Tilton, Georgia, instituted July 6, 1898, by N. A. Bradford, W. M., Tilton Lodge, No. 291, A. F. & A. M., with 41 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Lucy Stovall; W. P., Wm. N. Caton; A. M., Mrs. Mildred Townsend.

August 11, 1898, issued charter for Mystic Chapter, No. 8, Green River, Wyoming, instituted Aug. 20, 1898, by Dr. E. P. Rohrbaugh, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., Wyoming, and P. W. P. Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 6, with 23 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Julia E. Snyder; W. P., R. B. Abbott; A. M., Mrs. Madge Ellen Candish.

September 15, 1898, issued charter for Esther Chapter, No. 9, Evanston, Wyoming, instituted by George E. Bristol, member Alpha Chapter, No. 1, with 35 charter members. W. M., Mrs. Annie Bristol; W. P., Victor E. Engstrom; A. M., Mrs. June Lauder.

On September 10 the following letter was mailed at Evanston, Wyoming:

EVANSTON, Wyoming, Sept. 10, 1898.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:—Enclosed find petition for charter, together with the affidavit of Evanston Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and New York Exchange No. 106,619 for \$20.00 to your order in payments of fees.

We have selected Geo. E. Bristol, who is already a member of the Star of Alpha Chapter, No. 1, of Laramie, Wyoming, as installing officer. Please forward charter and instructions soon as possible.

Yours truly,

MISS NELLIE PEPPER, Sec'y.

This letter reached the office of the R. W. G. S. on the 14th, and copy of same carrying petition in due

form reached my office the morning of the 15th. A singularly remarkable and unusual circumstance in this connection was that all the papers, including certificate of eligibility were amply sufficient, and the brother recommended, for my deputy was already heeled for the work, being a member of the Order in good standing. This would avoid the usual and lengthy delay incident to considerable correspondence. I decided to issue charter at once and direct the prompt institution of the Chapter. In my letter of instructions to the R. W. Grand Secretary, I explained the premises on which I base my act as follows:

"The application for charter for Chapter to be located at Evanston, Wyoming, is received to-day and it places me in a peculiar situation. The case plainly stated is this: If a Grand Chapter was really organized yesterday theoretically this office would lose its jurisdiction, but as a matter of fact it practically does not lose its jurisdiction until the said Grand Chapter is recognized by the General Grand Chapter or by this office. There is another factor, however, that has had great weight in influencing my action to-day. It is this: Owing to the late date that I was able to learn the wishes of the several Chapters, I feared the call might not reach all the scattered Chapters in time for them to be represented, I asked the parties called to at once acknowledge receipt of notice of call. Up to date I have received acknowledgment of receipt of same from but two Chapters, and one of the two thought they would be unable to be represented. I am therefore fearing that the representatives of a constitutional number of Chapters may not have answered the roll call in Casper yesterday. In view of all the above I have issued the charter and directed the institution of Chapter No. 9 at Evanston, and instructed my deputy that if a Grand Chapter for Wyoming was organized

yesterday, the proposed Evanston Chapter would become at once subordinate to and a part of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. The only matter that would then be open would be the question of the disposition of the fee which the General Grand Chapter itself could dispose of."

I instructed brother Bristol, my deputy, as follows:

"It becomes my duty to inform you, and through you all the members of the Chapter you are to institute, that a convention was called by me of all the representatives of the existing Chapters in Wyoming, to assemble in Casper yesterday to consider the advisability of forming a Grand Chapter. If such Grand Chapter was organized, the Chapter you are asked to institute will at once cease to be subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, and will become subordinate to and a part of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Fraternally and very truly yours,

H. H. HINDS,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

The records of my office show that the 64 Chapters above noted represented a charter membership, when issued, of 1958. Ample evidence is at hand of additional material seeking early admission to these Chapters to make it fair to presume that the same Chapters now carry a membership on their rolls of more than 2,000.

BURNED CHARTERS.

On October 10th, 1895, fire destroyed the entire appointments and appurtenances including charter of Marion Chapter, No. 7, Marion, Kentucky. I issued Charter to replace burned one.

On March 30th, 1896, I issued charter to Gate City Chapter, No. 1, Florence, South Carolina, to replace one previously lost by fire.

On August 4th, 1898, I issued charter to Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah, to replace one destroyed by fire June 19th.

OTHER DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

Under date of August 5th, 1880, a charter was issued under seal of the General Grand Chapter to various petitioners at Laramie, Wyoming, for a chapter to be known as Alpha Chapter, No. 1. My most worthy brother, Thomas M. Lamb, then M. W. G. P., failed to execute the charter by omitting his signature. As this was clearly a mistake of my predecessor, who is since deceased, making it a physical impossibility to obtain his signature and thereby correct the same, I issued charter with proper endorsement across face of same to the Chapter at Laramie under date of April 3rd, 1896.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was formed April 30th, 1896, upon the following call:

STANTON, Mich., March 30th, 1896.

To All Whom it May Concern—Greeting:

All the six Chapters, Order of Eastern Star, in the territory of the District of Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, at regular meetings during the current month have adopted a preamble and resolution as follows, viz.:

Whereas, There being six Chapters of the O. E. S. in the District of Columbia with a membership of more than 700 persons, and believing that it will be for the best interest of the Order that a Grand Chapter be formed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we petition the M. W. Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter to issue a call for a convention to meet at Scottish Rite Hall, 1007 G Street, N. W., Washington,

D. C., at 7 o'clock P. M., April 30th, 1896, for the purpose of instituting a Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for this jurisdiction.

The facts as to statements contained therein being conceded, the requests seems but reasonable and both "convenience and propriety" indicate that the request should be granted.

A convention of all the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, located in the District of Columbia, is hereby called to meet at Scottish Rite Hall, 1007 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., at 7 o'clock P. M., April 30th, 1896, to form a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons in good standing belonging to the six Chapters above referred to, are entitled to seats and membership in said convention.

H. H. HINDS,

[SEAL.]

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

It was duly recognized by the following proclamation, July 19th, 1896:

STANTON, Mich., July 19th, 1896.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

Whereas: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or the General Grand Chapter itself; and

Whereas: On April 30th last, a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters in the District of Columbia, through regular and legal representatives, did in a proper and formal manner organize a Grand Chapter and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution regular and proper in form, which has received the approval of the executive of the General Grand Chapter; now

Therefore, I, Henry Harrison Hinds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me as above indicated, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

H. H. HINDS,

[SEAL.]

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Further comment in this connection is not required. The record of its work and standing is before you. Its representatives honor us on this occasion by their presence. The propriety and wisdom of its formation will not be questioned. We all gladly welcome this new strong link to our fraternal chain. Individually we are partaking of the hospitality of its members. This General Grand Chapter is now sitting within its environment.

WYOMING.

On September 5th evidence was completed in the files of my office that led me to believe all the Chapters in the State of Wyoming desired a convention

called at Casper on the 14th, to consider the propriety of forming a Grand Chapter. I, therefore, issued the following proclamation through the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary calling said convention.

To All Who It May Concern—Greeting:

Whereas, there are now eight regular organized Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, now working under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in the State of Wyoming, and

Whereas, evidence just completed in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron leads to the conclusion that it is the unanimous desire of said eight Chapters of the Order that a convention of the representatives of the same be called to meet in Casper, Wyoming, at 10 o'clock A. M., Sept. 14th, to consider the propriety of forming a Grand Chapter for the jurisdiction of the State of Wyoming; now

Therefore, a convention of all the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter located in the State of Wyoming is hereby called to meet at Masonic Hall, Casper, Wyoming, at 10 o'clock A. M., Sept. 14th, 1898, to form a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the jurisdiction of the State of Wyoming.

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons in good standing belonging to the eight Chapters above referred to, are entitled to seats and membership in said convention.

H. H. HINDS,

[SEAL.]

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Most Worthy Grand Secretary.

In order that incidental delays might not arise and delay the official call from reaching all the scattered

Chapters of this Rocky Mountain State, I addressed the following official notice to each Chapter:

To the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Associate Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:—You are hereby notified that I have called a convention of the eight Chapters, Order of Eastern Star, to assemble in Masonic Hall, Casper, Wyoming, at 10 o'clock A. M., Sept. 14th, 1898, to consider the propriety of forming a Grand Chapter of the Order for the jurisdiction of the State of Wyoming.

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons in good standing belonging to the eight Chapters above referred to, are entitled to seats and membership in said convention.

The official notice of said convention I have directed issued from the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and same, I trust, will reach you at an early date. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication at once.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. HINDS,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

On September 19th I received the following communication:

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, Sept. 16th, 1898.

H. H. HINDS, M. W. G. P., Stanton, Michigan.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the pleasure to inform you that at Casper, Wyoming, during the meeting of our Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star was formed, and in the evening we held a joint installation, and being the retiring Grand Master, I was requested by the oldest Past Patron to install the officers of

the Grand Chapter for him, which I did with great pleasure. You will receive full particulars through the proper officers.

Fraternally yours,

E. P. ROHRBAUGH.

P. S.—I have made special mention of the Eastern Star in my annual address to the Grand Lodge, which I have never before seen in any of the doings of the Grand Lodges.

E. P. R.

This is all the information I am possessed of, either officially or by common rumor, as to the formation of a Grand Chapter in the State of Wyoming.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION.

To Indiana:

On January 13th, 1897, brother A. W. Byers, Patron South Bend Chapter, No. 2, telegraphed me asking dispensation for his Chapter to confer the degrees upon a Master Mason, resident of London, England. Of course, I had no jurisdiction in Indiana, but had in London, England. I could do no more than to release jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter of Indiana, which fact I wired to brother Byers. The degrees were duly conferred upon the applicant by South Bend Chapter. Brother Byers, in reporting upon the incidents of the occasion, not only transmitted thanks, but a newspaper clipping reading as follows:

"South Bend Chapter, No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, had the high honor last evening, of conferring the degrees of the Eastern Star upon Henry Welcome, a distinguished Master Mason of London, England. A special dispensation to confer the degree was granted by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie Nye of La Porte, Mr. Welcome being a citizen of England. He is Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, of London, and also Past Master of Columbia Lodge, the American Lodge of London. There is no Eastern Star in Eng-

land, and Mr. Welcome is the first Englishman to receive the degrees of the O. E. S. He will start for London Saturday, after a pleasant visit with his brother here. Rev. Welcome, of Elder street and will endeavor to introduce the Eastern Star there. If successful, it will be a great honor to South Bend."

I replied to brother Byers as follows, which closed the incident on the part of the General Grand Chapter:

Mr. A. W. BYERS, W. P., South Bend Chapter, No. 2, O. E. S.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Replying to your highly esteemed favor of the 15th, I beg to advise you that the General Grand Chapter had original jurisdiction of the material in the case of brother Harry Welcome, of London, England, but no jurisdiction as to his receiving the degrees in Indiana. It would have as to his receiving the degrees in any Chapter subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. The releasing of jurisdiction of the original material I should always grant, being first satisfied that the candidate was eligible. I knew, on general principles, that your Chapter would know its material before working, and I therefore wired as I did, that I would not intervene, which amounts to releasing jurisdiction.

The paper cutting is in error in stating that brother Welcome is the first resident of England to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. J. J. Morse of Sunderland, England, is a member of Golden Gate Chapter of San Francisco, and is now at home in England, and hopes to awaken an interest in our Order there.

You had best furnish me with the exact London address of brother Welcome, so that I may cause proper blanks, applications, etc., to be sent him, if he is inclined to try to interest brother Master Masons in organizing Chapters of the Order in Britain.

Faternally and very truly yours,

H. H. HINDS,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

To Michigan. I have released jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter of Michigan through its Grand Secretary in the case of six persons, viz:

Geo. W. Smith and wife, Mrs. Ella Smith, November 22, 1897.

Henry Roebuck and sister, Mrs. Nachell Blackburn, December 18, 1897.

W. W. Stover and wife, Mrs. Jennie Stover, July 22, 1898, all being residents of Sombra, Canada, and petitioning Emily Ward Chapter, No. 205, Marine City, Michigan.

Each petition carried the following endorsement from this office, the name of applicant and date only being changed:

I, Henry H. Hinds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby release jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in the case of Geo. W. Smith, a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, A. F. & A. M., of Sombra, Canada, for the purpose of joining the Order in the jurisdiction of Michigan, viz: Emily Ward Chapter, No. 205, of Marine City, as set forth in the attached petition, and for no other purpose. Stanton, Michigan, Nov. 22, 1897.

H. H. HINDS,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

CONCLUSION.

In this report I have intended to cover the ground traversed in my official work, which is the entire field of extending the influence, work and membership of the Order by the General Grand Chapter in so far as new organizations are concerned. In the work I have found no reason to act in any case with the slightest personal bias. I have performed no official act to accommodate an enemy or please a friend. I have aimed

to do right in all cases as I saw the right. I have interpreted the law to the best of my ability and after drawing a line, I have hewn to the line. One of the very serious mistakes of my mature manhood was permitting myself to be elected to and entering upon the discharge of this high and honorable office. I had no real appreciation of the magnitude of the work. In this magnificent city in which is always encamped an army of office-holders as well as office-seekers, there are few examples of persons looking forward to the expiration of their terms of office with the complaisance that now possesses me. Were I to contemplate another so important an undertaking, I should desire to possess youth, vigor, enthusiasm, great endurance and money to burn.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HINDS,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27th, 1898.

On motion the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means without reading.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I come to you a third time to render an account of the stewardship you so

generously bestowed upon me for a brief season, and with a deep sense of the continued confidence expressed by the action of this Body in the past, I submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements, from the 15th of July, 1895, to the 15th of July, 1898, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

On hand July 15th, 1895.....	\$ 6,925.79
Rituals.....	7,150.65
Petitions for Degrees.....	152.18
Petitions for Dispensations.....	20.71
Music.....	87.94
Demits.....	42.47
Odes.....	116.88
Signets.....	987.42
Charter Blanks.....	156.48
Funeral Ceremonies.....	3.85
Rules, Regulations and By-laws.....	50.20
Report Blanks.....	143.86
Receipts for Dues.....	281.71
Warrants.....	139.08
Treasurer's Receipts.....	140.88
Notices for Dues.....	71.56
Summonses.....	19.47
Representative Appointment Blanks.....	148.61
Dispensations.....	88.65
Test Oaths.....	2.90
Dues.....	2,291.87
Charter Fees.....	1,285.00
Total Receipts.....	\$20,208.01

AMOUNTS DUE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Grand Chapter District of Columbia.....	\$ 2.76
Grand Chapter Arkansas.....	206.98
Grand Chapter California.....	55.40
Grand Chapter Illinois.....	129.50
Grand Chapter Indian Territory.....	253.59
Grand Chapter Massachusetts.....	58.50
Grand Chapter Michigan.....	170.00
Grand Chapter Minnesota.....	204.67

Grand Chapter Nebraska	45.25
Grand Chapter Pennsylvania	24.00
Grand Chapter Vermont .....	.50
Miscellaneous Accounts	124.68
Total	\$1,275.83

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Blackwater Chapter, Idaho	\$ 8.66
Total	\$ 1,272.17
	\$18,985.84

MISCELLANEOUS LOSSES.

62 Damaged Rituals	\$47.25
104 Old Rituals—Exchanged	42.75
Duplicate Supplies	30.78
Old Accounts previous to 1889	6.75
Lost Accounts, miscellaneous supplies 9 years	20.95
Total	\$ 148.48
	\$19,084.27

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand	\$1,887.56
Due from Grand Chapter and others	1,272.17
Cash on hand	4,208.30
Total Assets	\$7,868.03
Less Warrant No. 261, S. Penrose Williams, not paid	1.32
	\$7,869.35
Total Cash on hand	4,209.62

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTED MATTER.

First and Third Session Proceedings	\$ 80.00
Second Session Proceedings	68.00
Fourth Session Proceedings	120.00
Fifth Session Proceedings	128.00
Sixth Session Proceedings	123.00
Seventh Session Proceedings	307.00
Eighth Session Proceedings	414.00
Miscellaneous Consumable Matter	85.00
Proceedings, Bound	28.00
Total	\$1,848.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rituals.....	\$ 1,876.50
Petitions for Degrees.....	51.50
Petitions for Dispensations.....	16.00
Demits.....	21.90
Odes.....	25.00
Signets.....	362.68
Rules, Regulations and By-laws.....	26.00
Receipts for Dues.....	56.25
Report Blanks.....	54.08
Warrants.....	37.21
Treasurer's Receipts.....	37.20
Notices for Dues.....	22.75
Representative Appointment Blanks.....	41.85
Dispensations.....	12.25
Test Oaths.....	1.75
Stationery and Printing.....	1,194.81
Postage and Express.....	868.82
Salary.....	2,987.37
Mileage and Appropriations.....	4,926.22
Traveling expenses of R. W. Grand Secretary.....	22.00
Traveling and miscellaneous expenses of M. W. Gr. Matron..	717.55
Miscellaneous Expenses of M. W. Grand Patron.....	108.55
Office expense.....	1,415.80
Electrotypes.....	25.75
Insurance.....	10.00
Refunds—Contingent.....	8.18
Total expenditure.....	\$14,875.97
Warrant No. 261 payable to S. Penrose Williams.....	1.82
	<u>\$14,874.65</u>

STOCK ON HAND.

49 Rituals, gilt.....	\$ 24.50
5746 Rituals, cloth.....	713.25
1666 Petitions for Dispensations.....	13.36
88 Music.....	5.81
963 Signets, mounted.....	98.01
26 Signets, unmounted.....	3.12
674 Charter Blanks, old.....	13.48
517 Charter Blanks, new.....	56.87
998 Funeral Ceremonies.....	7.50
744 Rules and Regulations.....	19.50

1176 By-laws	29.30
3638 Report Blanks	49.00
4 Warrants, Grand .....	.44
58 Receipts for Dues, Grand	5.83
7 Treasurer's Receipts, Grand .....	.77
1605 Representative Appointment Blanks	64.20
118 Deputy Appointment Blanks .....	.75
708 Dispensations	8.50
491 Test Oaths .....	.85
36 Badges	7.20
Office Furniture	267.30
Electro Plates, Rituals	472.27
Electro Plates, Report Blanks	17.50
Electro Plates, miscellaneous	8.25
Total	<u>\$1,887.56</u>

Of the accounts receivable on the 15th day of July, 1898, the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Pennsylvania have paid their indebtedness. The Grand Chapters of Indian Territory and Minnesota having paid part of their indebtedness.

The proceedings were printed as per instructions, and the first copies were mailed to the Officers of the General Grand Chapter on December 9, 1895, others following as soon as it was possible.

All moneys have been forwarded to the R. W. Grand Treasurer promptly. The "Contingent Expense Account," which was reported at the last Session, has been continued and was approved by the Finance Committee, as a necessity and the same manner of paying small bills has been continued during the last term.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

De Soto Chapter No. 11, Logansport, La., made their report to January 1, 1898, paid all dues and sent their Charter and Signet to me, with request that we

issue demits to the following named persons, which was done under the direction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Mrs. M. E. Garrett, Mrs. S. E. Crosby, Mrs. F. R. Ingle, Mrs. M. A. S. Alston and Mrs. Sarah Wall, Messrs. W. J. Headrick, H. N. Wyse, S. J. Smart and A. M. Garrett.

Mr. E. Wailes, Secretary of Electa Chapter No. 12, Franklin, La., sent to this office the Charter of Electa Chapter No. 12, February 16, 1897, regretting that it was impossible to keep the Chapter up longer.

Mrs. Julia Husbands, Secretary of Gate City Chapter No. 1, Florence, South Carolina, sent to this office on the 25th of February, 1898, the Charter, Signet and two Rituals. In both cases I urged the members to pay their dues and have demits issued, but have heard nothing from them since.

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT.

The Chapters being delinquent appear under the list of Subordinate Chapters, just following and need not be repeated here.

CHAPTERS RE-ORGANIZED.

Esther Chapter No. 1, of Difficult, Tenn., was organized August, 1880, and paid dues only in 1888. By action of the General Grand Chapter in 1892, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters, that Chapter was stricken from our books. They desired to re-organize under the old name and number. They could not have the old No. 1, as that had been given to Nashville Chapter, Tenn. By permission of the M. W. Grand Matron, the Chapter was re-organized December 21, 1895, under the name of "Esther Chapter No. 5, located at Bagdad, Tenn.," and the old Charter was endorsed by her, as the

Chapter wanted to retain the Charter granted them in 1880.

DUPLICATE CHAPTER.

Duplicate Charter was issued to Marion Chapter No. 7, on the 13th day of November, 1895, the original having been destroyed by fire.

PAYMENT OF MILEAGE.

The General Grand Chapter at its last session, ordered that "each representative present, or their proxy, should receive the sum of 2 cents a mile one way from place of starting," and the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to pay the same. Anxious to carry out the order of the General Grand Chapter, and believing that many registered who did not attend a single session and did not expect mileage, I sent a blank to each one who registered, asking them to certify to the number of sessions they attended and paid mileage as per proceedings, pages 138 to 145 inclusive, except Mrs. Edith Horsfall of Arkansas, Mr. Andrew McMillan, proxy for the A. Grand Patron of Iowa, Mr. I. N. Hathaway, Grand Patron of Ohio and Mr. Frank A. Brown, P. Grand Patron of South Dakota and those who refused mileage. I sent blanks to Mrs. H. Horsfall twice and they were returned both times. Messrs. McMillan, Hathaway and Brown did not return blanks filled out, and the letter was not returned, so I concluded that they did not attend any of the sessions, but after the Proceedings were printed, they applied for their mileage complying with my request, and I paid them the mileage they were entitled to. Mr. Brown received \$34.16, Mr. Hathaway \$13.50 and Mr. McMillan \$27.46. I drew warrants for the mileage and paid the representatives by check, filing them as vouchers.

Mrs. Emma W. Port, of Kansas, Mrs. Annie B. Huntress, Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Warren W. King and Robert C. Huntress, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, of Rhode Island and Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, declined to accept mileage.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was organized August 22, 1895, and reported by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, but the dues paid by the Chapters in that State did not appear in my report as they were received after my books were closed, but will appear in this report under the proper head.

The Grand Chapter of Washington, D. C., was organized April 30, 1896. Notice of recognition was duly issued and will be reported by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and dues paid for the year 1896 appears under the proper heading.

TEST OATHS.

A copy of the "Test Oath" was sent to all Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter at the time the Report Blanks were sent, December 1, 1895, with full information of its use.

INDEPENDENT GRAND CHAPTERS.

As per instruction of the General Grand Chapter I addressed a communication to the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont and New York, informing them of my instructions, and urged them to take such action as should result in their becoming a constituent part of this Grand Body. I am happy to say that the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut received the communication, and

appointed a committee to meet with us at this session, and I must be pardoned for extending my hearty welcome and best wishes for a speedy action on the part of all who can aid in the full fruition of our hopes for a United Order. My letter appeared in full in the Proceedings of Vermont for 1897, and need not be added here. Vermont deferred action on the matter till the session in June, 1898, and the Grand Secretary Henry L. Stillson, notified me that they were not quite ready to take action, giving me very good reasons. I am sure that only a few years will pass by before every Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be as one body and part of the General Grand Chapter. "The patient waiter is no loser." I trust that the "old green mountain State" is represented here to-day by visitors, and I know they will receive a warm fraternal greeting.

NEW TERRITORY.

Seven Chapters have been organized in Old Virginia since the last session and all are in a flourishing condition, as will be shown by the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

SECRET WORK.

Several Grand Chapters have requested the Secret Work in cipher, and I have had it printed, using the first letter of each word, supplying such Grand Chapters as have preferred it printed in this way.

RITUALS.

Rituals on hand July 15th, 1895	4,537
Rituals purchased since	15,000
Rituals returned from Augusta Chapter, Va.	8
Total to be accounted for	19,540

Rituals sold.....	13,579	
Rituals exchanged	104	
Rituals damaged and duplicate orders.....	62	
Rituals on hand.....	5 795	
Total accounted for		19,540

**SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, WITH NUMBER OF
CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP AND AMOUNT OF DUES
PAID.**

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson—

Charter granted March 31, 1891.

Dues unpaid, 1895..... ---

Dues unpaid, 1896..... ---

Dues unpaid, 1897..... ---

29 Members, 1894.

Corona Chapter No. 2, Corona—

Charter granted June 30, 1895.

Dues paid, 1895..... \$ 3.87

Dues paid, 1896..... 3.25

Dues paid, 1897..... 3.25—\$ 10.37

18 Members, 1896.

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Lewisburg—

Petition received October 30, 1895.

Dues unpaid, 1896..... ---

Dues unpaid, 1897..... ---

21 C. Members, 1895.

Fellowship Chapter No. 4, Fellowship—

Charter granted January 2, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897..... 7.47— 7.47

84 Members, 1897.

Florence Chapter No. 5, Florence—

Petition received March 2, 1897.

Dues unpaid, 1897..... ---

25 C. Members.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 6, Trussville—

Charter granted July 28, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897..... 1.90— 1.90

29 C. Members, 1897.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott—

Charter granted February 6, 1882.

Dues paid, 1895..... \$12.00

Dues paid, 1896..... 13.25

Dues paid, 1897..... 14.25—\$ 89.50

57 Members, 1897.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs—

Charter granted December 24, 1889.

Dues paid, 1893..... 3.50

Dues paid, 1895..... \$ 3.50

Dues unpaid, 1896..... —

Dues unpaid, 1897..... — 7.00

14 Members, 1895.

Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka—

Charter granted October 23, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895..... 15.75

Dues paid, 1896..... 15.25

Dues unpaid, 1897..... — 31.00

61 Members, 1896.

Tropical Chapter No. 3, Bartow—

Charter granted December 18, 1894.

Dues unpaid, 1895..... —

Dues unpaid, 1896..... —

Dues unpaid, 1897..... —

51 C. Members.

Inverness Chapter No. 4, Inverness—

Charter granted April 12, 1895.

Dues paid, 1895..... 9.38

Dues unpaid, 1896..... —

Dues unpaid, 1897..... — 9.38

50 Members, 1895.

Live Oak Chapter No. 5, Daytona—

Charter granted December 31, 1896.

Dues paid, 1897..... 8.38— 8.38

35 Members, 1897.

Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford—

Charter granted July 12, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897..... 2.37— 2.37

23 Members, 1897.

Dolorres Chapter No. 7, New Smyrna—

Charter granted May 8, 1898.

21 C. Members.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia—

Charter granted September 21, 1891.

Dues unpaid, 1895 -----

Dues unpaid, 1896 -----

Dues unpaid, 1897 -----

85 Members, 1892.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion—

Charter granted March 10, 1892.

Dues paid, 1895 ----- \$18.50

Dues unpaid, 1896 -----

Dues unpaid, 1897 ----- \$ 18.50

74 Members, 1895.

Martha Chapter No. 3, Hahira—

Charter granted December 9, 1895.

Dues unpaid, 1896 -----

Dues unpaid, 1897 -----

25 C. Members.

Ruth Chapter No. 4, Harmony—

Charter granted June 9, 1896.

Dues paid, 1896 ----- 3.80

Dues paid, 1897 ----- 7.25— 11.05

38 Members, 1897.

Jule Foster Chapter No. 5, Darien—

Charter granted January 2, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897 ----- 3.40— 3.40

18 Members, 1897.

Electa Chapter No. 6, Atlanta—

Charter granted June 12, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897 ----- 19.25— 19.25

76 Members.

Doric Chapter No. 7, Cohatta—

Charter granted March 22, 1898.

45 C. Members.

Reba-May Chapter No. 8, Woodbine—

Charter granted April 7, 1898.

20 C. Members.

Tilton Chapter No. 9, Tilton.

Petition received June 10, 1898.

38 C. Members.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City.

Charter granted, March 18, 1886.

Dues paid, 1894.....	\$12.75	
Dues paid, 1895.....	12.50	
Dues paid, 1896.....	18.75	
Dues paid, 1897.....	15.50—	\$ 54.50

62 Members, 1897.

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello—

Charter granted August 16, 1888.

Dues paid, 1895.....	18.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	14.50	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	—	28.25

58 Members, 1896.

Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion—

Charter granted April 25, 1890.

Dues paid, 1895.....	11.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	11.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	18.00—	35.25

52 Members, 1897.

Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City—

Charter granted December 29, 1891.

Dues paid, 1895.....	11.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	10.75	
Dues paid, 1897.....	11.25—	33.00

45 Members, 1897.

Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston—

Charter granted June 6, 1892.

Dues paid, 1895.....	20.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	22.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	14.00—	56.25

56 Members, 1897.

Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City—

Charter granted March 23, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895.....	20.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	20.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	17.00—	58.00

68 Members, 1897.

Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow—			
Charter granted February 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	8.65		
Dues paid, 1896.....	13.50		
Dues paid, 1897.....	13.75—	35.90	
55 Members, 1897.			
Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace—			
Charter granted February 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	10.00		
Dues paid, 1896.....	12.00		
Dues paid, 1897.....	9.75—	31.75	
39 Members, 1897.			
Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11, Grangeville—			
Charter granted December 30, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1896.....	6.00		
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.50—	13.50	
29 Members, 1897.			
Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Cœur d'Alene—			
Charter granted January 22, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1896.....	8.30		
Dues paid, 1897.....	10.25—	18.55	
41 Members, 1897.			
Laurel Chapter No. 13, Lewiston—			
Charter granted April 9, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.97—	7.97	
45 Members, 1897.			
Esther Chapter No. 14, Blackfoot—			
Charter granted March 31, 1898.			
30 C. Members.			

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, DeKoven—			
Charter granted June 14, 1889.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	\$ 9.75		
Dues paid, 1896.....	9.75		
Dues paid, 1897.....	8.25—\$	27.75	
38 Members, 1897.			

Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton—			
Charter granted May 30, 1893.			
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
40 Members, 1894.			
Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green—			
Charter granted June 17, 1893.			
	Dues paid, 1895.....	5.25	
	Dues paid, 1896.....	5.00	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	—	10.25
20 Members, 1896.			
Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, London—			
Charter granted July 24, 1893.			
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
28 Members, 1898.			
Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel—			
Charter granted July 28, 1893.			
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
40 C. Members.			
Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion—			
Charter granted August 3, 1894.			
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
55 Members, 1896.			
Mount Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mount Vernon—			
Charter granted October 23, 1894.			
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
40 C. Members.			
Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton—			
Charter granted November 16, 1894.			
	Dues paid, 1895.....	13.75	
	Dues paid, 1896.....	16.00	
	Dues paid, 1897.....	14.50—	44.25
58 Members, 1897.			

Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup—			
Charter granted January 17, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	\$8.00		
Dues paid, 1896.....	9.00		
Dues paid, 1897.....	9.25—	\$26.25	
37 Members, 1897.			
Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg—			
Charter granted June 12, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	4.00		
Dues paid, 1896.....	7.50		
Dues paid, 1897.....	6.75—	18.25	
30 Members, 1897.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 12, Owenton—			
Charter granted October 8, 1895.			
Dues unpaid, 1895.....	---		
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	---		
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---		
30 C. Members.			
Bardwell Chapter No. 13, Bardwell—			
Charter granted February 11, 1896.			
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	---		
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---		
31 C. Members.			
Silver Star Chapter No. 14, Morehead—			
Charter granted June 5, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1896.....	5.50		
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---	5.50	
44 C. Members, 1896.			
Bristow Chapter No. 15, Erlanger—			
Charter granted July 28, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1896.....	2.81		
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.25—	10.06	
29 Members, 1897.			
Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove—			
Charter granted February 4, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1897.....	4.50—	4.50	
27 Members, 1897.			
Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton—			
Charter granted March 19, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1897.....	8.47—	8.47	
47 Members, 1897.			

Martha Pitman Chapter No. 18, Pittsburg—		
Charter granted June 24, 1897.		
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----
40 C. Members.		
Ruth Chapter No. 19, Station Point—		
Charter granted September 23, 1897.		
	Dues paid, 1897.....	\$2.07— \$2.07
33 Members, 1897.		
Webb Chapter No. 20, New Castle—		
Charter granted February 9, 1898.		
32 C. Members.		

LOUISIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, New Orleans.		
Charter granted April 1, 1884.		
No dues or report since 1889.		
Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welsh—		
Charter granted June 30, 1890.		
	Dues paid, 1895.....	6.50
	Dues paid, 1896.....	6.50
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----- 13.00
26 Members, 1896.		
Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville—		
Charter granted October 18, 1891.		
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----
38 Members, 1892.		
Mount Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mount Carmel—		
Charter granted October 30, 1891.		
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----
39 Members, 1892.		
St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph—		
Charter granted September 12, 1892.		
	Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----
	Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----
25 C. Members.		

Louise J. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe—			
Charter granted October 15, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	\$18.50		
Dues paid, 1896.....	18.50		
Dues paid, 1897.....	15.75—	\$52.75	
63 Members, 1897.			
Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City—			
Charter granted December 18, 1893.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	9.50		
Dues paid, 1896.....	9.75		
Dues paid, 1897.....	11.25—	30.50	
45 Members, 1897.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas—			
Charter granted May 7, 1894.			
Dues unpaid, 1895.....	---		
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	---		
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---		
48 Members, 1894.			
Harmony Chapter No. 9, Coushatta.			
Charter granted April 18, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	4.31		
Dues paid, 1896.....	7.25		
Dues paid, 1897.....	6.50—	18.06	
26 Members, 1897.			
Evangeline Chapter No. 10, Farmerville—			
Charter granted January 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	2.88		
Dues paid, 1896.....	5.75		
Dues paid, 1897.....	5.25—	13.88	
21 Members, 1897.			
DeSoto Chapter No. 11, Logansport—			
Charter granted May 31, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895.....	4.69		
Dues paid, 1896.....	2.25		
Dues paid, 1897.....	2.25—	9.19	
9 Members, 1897. Charter surrendered December 31, 1897.			
Electa Chapter No. 12, Franklin—			
Charter granted July 22, 1895.			
33 C. Members. Charter surrendered February 16, 1897.			

Good-Intent Chapter No. 18, Kentwood—**Charter granted August 28, 1895.**

Dues paid, 1895.....	\$8.87	
Dues paid, 1896.....	8.75	
Dues paid, 1897.....	8.00—	\$20.62

82 Members, 1897.**Gordy Chapter No. 14, Ruston—****Charter granted February 8, 1896.**

Dues paid, 1896.....	10.06	
Dues paid, 1897.....	13.25—	23.31

58 Members, 1897.**MARYLAND.****Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore—****Charter granted April 26, 1880.**

Dues paid, 1895.....	26.50	
Dues paid, 1896.....	26.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	27.25—	80.00

109 Members, 1897.**Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore—****Charter granted May 20, 1895.**

Dues paid, 1895.....	12.37	
Dues paid, 1896.....	33.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	19.75—	65.37

138 Members, 1897.**Queen Esther Chapter No. 8, Hagerstown—****Charter granted February 19, 1896.**

Dues paid, 1896.....	8.73	
Dues paid, 1897.....	13.50—	22.23

54 Members, 1897.**Baltimore Chapter No. 4, Baltimore—****Charter granted February 25, 1896.**

Dues paid, 1896.....	14.04	
Dues paid, 1897.....	17.25—	31.29

69 Members, 1897.**Concordia Chapter No. 5, Baltimore—****Charter granted February 24, 1897.**

Dues paid, 1897.....	22.08—	22.08
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105 Members, 1897.

Pentalpha Chapter No. 6, Savage—		
Charter granted February 27, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	\$8.75—	\$8.75
42 Members, 1897.		
Ruth Chapter No. 7, Hyattsville—		
Charter granted April 9, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.57—	7.57
40 Members, 1897.		
Monumental Chapter No. 8, Baltimore—		
Charter granted April 9, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	6.75—	6.75
45 Members, 1897.		
Mizpah Chapter No. 9, Frederick—		
Charter granted June 16, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.80—	7.80
68 Members 1897.		

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven—		
Charter granted April 30, 1895.		
Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----	
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
80 C. Members.		
Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Long Beach—		
Charter granted February 2, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.50—	7.50
30 Members, 1897.		
Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson—		
Charter granted May 17, 1897.		
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----	
24 C. Members.		
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Macomb City—		
Petition received March 17, 1898.		
20 C. Members.		
Water Valley Chapter No. 5, Water Valley—		
Petition received June 2, 1898.		
40 C Members		

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton—

Charter granted November 15, 1888.

Dues paid, 1895.....	\$13.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	13.00	
Dues paid, 1897.....	13.50—	\$39.50

54 Members, 1897.

Ransford Chapter No. 2, East Las Vegas—

Charter granted July 29, 1891.

Dues paid, 1895.....	20.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	21.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	21.75—	63.75

87 Members, 1897.

Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City—

Charter granted February 10, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895.....	17.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	19.00	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	—	36.75

76 Members, 1896.

Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown—

Charter granted March 10, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895.....	7.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	7.00	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	—	14.75

28 Members, 1896.

Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque—

Charter granted September 22, 1894.

Dues paid, 1895.....	12.50	
Dues paid, 1896.....	13.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	13.50—	39.25

54 Members, 1897.

Ruth Chapter No. 6 Deming—

Petition received November 5, 1897.

29 C. Members.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove—

Charter granted July 30, 1890.

27 C. Members.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City—

Charter granted June 6, 1892.

Dues paid, 1895.....	\$28.25	
Dues paid, 1896.....	30.50	
Dues paid, 1897.....	33.75—	\$92.50

135 Members, 1897.

Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City—

Charter granted April 21, 1894.

Dues paid, 1895.....	17.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	16.50	
Dues paid, 1897.....	16.75—	50.25

68 Members, 1897.

Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City—

Charter granted May 17, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897.....	3.50—	3.50
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28 Members, 1897.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling—

Charter granted April 20, 1892.

Dues paid, 1895.....	13.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	12.75	
Dues paid, 1897.....	11.50—	37.25

46 Members, 1897.

Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo—

Charter granted February 22, 1896.

Dues paid, 1896.....	7.33	
Dues paid, 1897.....	9.00—	16.33

36 Members, 1897.

Augusta Chapter No. 3, Mason—

Petition received August 16, 1897.

24 C. Members. Charter returned.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gate City Chapter No. 1, Florence—

Charter granted March 31, 1893.

24 Members, 1894. Charter surrendered Febr. 25, 1898.

Vances Chapter No. 2, Vances—

Charter granted October 8, 1895.

Dues paid, 1895.....	\$1.25	
Dues paid, 1896.....	5.50	
Dues paid, 1897.....	5.75—	\$12.50

23 Members, 1897.

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg—

Charter granted July 8, 1896.

Dues unpaid, 1896.....	---	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---	

20 C. Members.

Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood—

Charter granted April 26, 1897.

Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---	
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18 C. Members.

Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree—

Charter granted October 22, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897.....	.80—	.80
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19 Members, 1897.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville—

Charter granted March 6, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895.....	16.25	
Dues paid, 1896.....	26.50	
Dues paid, 1897.....	22.75—	65.50

91 Members, 1897.

Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga—

Charter granted December 5, 1893.

Dues paid, 1895.....	15.25	
Dues paid, 1896.....	16.75	
Dues paid, 1897.....	14.00—	46.00

56 Members, 1897.

McKinnon Chapter No. 3, McKinnon—

Charter granted June 18, 1894.

Dues unpaid, 1895.....	---	
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	---	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	---	

31 C. Members.

Wayland Springs Chapter No. 4, Wayland Springs—
Charter granted December 15, 1894.

Dues unpaid, 1895.....	----
Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----

21 C. Members.

Esther Chapter No. 5, Bagdad—

Charter granted July 16, 1890.

Re-organized December 21, 1895.

Dues paid, 1895.....	\$10.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	14.50	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	-----	\$35.25

58 Members, 1896.

Olive Leaf Chapter No. 6, Dickson—

Charter granted October 12, 1896.

Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	----

20 C. Members.

Rock City Chapter No. 7, Nashville—

Charter granted February 15, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897.....	10.75—	10.75
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50 Members, 1897.

Hurricane Chapter No. 8, Hurricane—

Charter granted June 22, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897.....	4.88—	4.88
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25 C. Members.

Elmwood Chapter No. 9, Elmwood—

Charter granted July 28, 1897.

Dues paid, 1897.....	3.10—	3.10
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33 Members, 1897.

Amanda Chapter No. 10, Crossville—

Petition received February 18, 1898.

26 C. Members.

VIRGINIA.

Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock—

Charter granted March 13, 1896.

Dues unpaid, 1896.....	----	
Dues paid, 1897.....	4.25—	4.25

17 Members, 1897.

Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg—		
Charter granted March 30, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1896.....	\$4.69	
Dues paid, 1897.....	6.25—	\$10.94
25 Members, 1897.		
Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah—		
Charter granted August 14, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1896.....	1.26	
Dues paid, 1897.....	7.00—	8.26
24 Members, 1897.		
Botetourt Chapter No. 4, Gloucester—		
Charter granted November 20, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1896.....	.43	
Dues unpaid, 1897.....	—	.43
31 Members, 1896.		
Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray—		
Charter granted February 10, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	11.13—	11.13
53 Members, 1897.		
Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni—		
Charter granted July 22, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	1.84—	1.84
22 Members, 1897.		
Magdeline Chapter No. 7, Stanley—		
Charter granted November 13, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1897.....	.48—	.48
17 Members, 1897.		

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie—		
Charter granted August 5, 1880		
Dues paid, 1895.....	14.75	
Dues paid, 1896.....	16.00	
Dues paid, 1897.....	16.00—	46.75
64 Members, 1897.		
Naomi Chapter No. 2, Sheridan—		
Charter granted March 3, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	10.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	10.25	
Dues paid, 1897.....	11.00—	31.25
44 Members, 1897.		

Olivet Chapter No. 3, Lander—			
Charter granted May 14, 1894.			
Dues paid, 1895	\$10.00		
Dues paid, 1896	10.50		
Dues paid, 1897	11.25—	\$81.75	
45 Members, 1897.			
Fort Casper Chapter No. 4, Casper—			
Charter granted November 16, 1894.			
Dues paid, 1895	14.50		
Dues paid, 1896	16.00		
Dues paid, 1897	18.75—	49.25	
75 Members, 1897.			
Electa Chapter No. 5, Sundance—			
Charter granted July 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1895	4.88		
Dues paid, 1896	10.00		
Dues paid, 1897	8.75—	23.63	
40 Members, 1896.			
Oak Leaf Chapter No. 6, Cheyenne—			
Charter granted May 17, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1897	5.25—	5.25	
36 Members, 1897.			
Wyoming Chapter No. 7, Rowllins—			
Charter granted Nov. 19, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1897 .....	.60—	.60	
30 Members, 1897.			

DISTRICT COLUMBIA.

Ruth Chapter No. 1, Washington—			
Charter granted July 16, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1895	53.75		
Dues paid, 1896	18.75—	72.50	
225 Members, 1896.			
Electa Chapter No. 2, Anacostia—			
Charter granted July 12, 1894.			
Dues paid, 1895	28.50		
Dues paid, 1896	10.58—	39.08	
127 Members, 1896.			

Naomi Chapter No. 8, Washington—		
Charter granted January 25, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	\$85.00	
Dues paid, 1896.....	12.42—	\$47.42
149 Members, 1896.		
Martha Chapter No. 4, Washington—		
Charter granted May 22, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	26.44	
Dues paid, 1896.....	18.67—	40.11
164 Members, 1896.		
Esther Chapter No. 5, Washington—		
Charter granted January 6, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1896.....	10.34—	10.34
124 Members, 1896.		
Adah Chapter No. 6, Washington—		
Charter granted January 11, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1896.....	2.75—	2.75
33 Members, 1896.		

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence—		
Charter granted December 3, 1890.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	32.25—	32.25
172 Members, 1895.		
Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Central Falls—		
Charter granted February 2, 1893.		
Dues paid, 1894.....	25.50	
Dues paid, 1895.....	20.25—	45.75
108 Members, 1895.		
Woonsocket Chapter No. 3, Woonsocket—		
Charter granted December 28, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	27.57—	27.57
147 Members, 1895.		
Hope Chapter No. 4, Hope Valley—		
Charter granted February 14, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	11.81—	11.81
63 Members, 1895.		
Ruth Chapter No. 5, Riverpoint—		
Charter granted April 6, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1895.....	8.38—	8.38
67 Members, 1895.		

PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming Chapter No. 1, Pittston—

Charter granted February 8, 1888.

Dues paid, 1898..... \$25.00—\$ 25.00

Total Dues.....\$2,291.87

RECAPITULATION.

188 Chapters. 6,440 Members. Total Dues.....\$2,291.87

Number of Chapters July 15th, 1895..... 68

Number of Chapters organized since that date and previous
to July 15th, 1898..... 65— 133

Number of Chapters released by the organization of the
following Grand Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, August 22, 1895..... 5

Grand Chapter District of Columbia, April 30, 1896..... 6

Charters surrendered..... 3— 14

Total remaining..... 119

119 Chapters. Total membership under the jurisdiction of the
General Grand Chapter..... 5,052

5 Chapters released in Rhode Island..... 557

6 Chapters released in District Columbia..... 822

1 Charter surrendered, December 30, 1897. Members
demitted..... 9—1,888

6,440

119 Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General
Grand Chapter, with membership of..... 5,052

2407 Chapters in the 26 Grand Chapters who are constituent
members of the General Grand Chapter..... 142,955

201 Chapters in the States of New Jersey, New York, Con-
necticut and Vermont..... 18,189

2727 Chapters, with a total membership of..... 161,196

PETITIONS FOR CHARTER.

There have been sixty-five petitions for Charters received at this office since July 15th, 1895, Charters for three of which were granted by James R. Donnel and reported by him.

Sixty-two petitions have been sent H. H. Hinds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, fifty-eight of which have been returned as approved and Chapters organized, and which will appear in his report.

The Charters have been sealed and signed in blank by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and myself, and inscribed in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, except the first few.

REVENUE.

One of the interests which should be considered by this Grand Body is its Revenue. Many of the Grand Chapters are curtailing the sale of Rituals, and when every State has a Grand Chapter, if this course continues, the revenue from the sale of Rituals will be very much reduced.

When I was elected to this position in 1889, it was very evident to me that a good revenue could be secured by the sale of such supplies, as every Chapter was obliged to use almost constantly, such as Petitions for Degrees, Receipts for Dues, Treasurer's Receipts, etc.

After consulting with the Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Nettie Ransford, and with her approval I made an effort in this direction.

I reported the matter to the General Grand Chapter, and the Committee on Finance reported in favor of keeping supplies as mentioned on page 71 of the Proceedings of 1892, held at Columbus, Ohio.

The General Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Finance Committee and made the Right Worthy Grand Secretary the financial agent for the purchase and sale of Rituals, Signets, Blanks and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives a revenue.

I give the following figures showing the net gain for the sale of these supplies for the years indicated, the last being for two years:

Net gain for the sale of such supplies from 1886 to 1889.....	\$121.14
Net gain for the sale of such supplies from 1889 to 1892.....	414.54
Net gain for the sale of such supplies from 1892 to 1895.....	866.85
Net gain for supplies from 1895 to 1896, two years.....	662.27

Compare the figures and notice how the revenue increased, and notice the loss to the Treasury of the General Grand Chapter, as the following was adopted at the last session in Boston:

"That all supplies in the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be sold only to Grand Secretaries and Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter."

I could see no good reason why I should be confined in the sale of these supplies to Grand Secretaries, when we had a large stock on hand, that must be almost a total loss, as few Grand Chapters patronize the General Grand Chapter, except for Rituals and Signets.

Prohibiting the sale of these supplies to twenty-six hundred Chapters, seemed to me to be in direct opposition to the interests of this Grand Body, especially as I had made every effort for six years preceding 1895, to create a revenue from the sale of these supplies.

I have taken a special pride in extending the Order into unoccupied territory and increasing the revenue, and it was a matter of regret to me that this revenue should be swept away with so little consideration.

Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter buy sparingly and are reached by dealers who get a large share of their orders.

After consulting with the M. W. Grand Matron

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, I concluded to continue the sale of these supplies as heretofore, to reduce the stock and save the loss, and did so up to the 15th of July, 1897, turning into the Treasury of the General Grand Chapter \$662.27 net gain. I took stock on that date and sold what there was on hand at cost. I have always had more or less office help, and paid for it from my own resources. I decided to have help four days in the week at an expense of \$5.00 per week for two years, and charge it against the \$662.27 that I turned into the Treasury of the General Grand Chapter; this amount should be credited to the "Office Expenses."

I have called the attention of the Finance Committee to the above facts, and they can verify my statement.

Any society is in danger of a collapse who has no established source of revenue.

If mileage is paid Delegates who attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, it seems wise to consider the matter of calling in the tax the Constitution provides for.

Chapters that are organized by the General Grand Chapters in remote territory, should be fostered and cared for, the same interest manifested as is in State Grand Chapters. They pay us dues and are entitled to help and encouragement, and it is no wonder they complain of neglect by the body who organized them and who exact annual dues and leave them to live or die as the case may be.

I would recommend that the Constitution be so amended that Chapters shall work under dispensation of the M. W. Grand Patron until the Chapter has been fully organized, when the Deputy shall make such report and return the petition for charter, with full report of those who were present at the organization,

whose names *only* shall appear upon the Charter, when the Charter can be inscribed in the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary. Under the present manner of organization it is not possible to know who are present at the organization and who are Charter Members.

Thirty days might be allowed to give signers to the Petition an opportunity to present themselves for recognition as Charter Members, as sickness or unforeseen accident might prevent the Petitioner from being present and work a hardship.

Still indebted to the members of the Order at large for the full measure of confidence so generously bestowed upon me at all times, I can only assure them of my gratitude and continued fidelity to the Order that has been a part of my life for over a quarter of a century. Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine J. Pitkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURERS REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means without reading.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Aug. 29, 1895.	To cash on hand from last report	\$ 6,925.79
Oct. 30, "	Rec'd from Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	340.53
Oct. 30, "	" " " "	238.59

Oct. 30, 1895.	Rec'd from Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	\$ 69.90
Oct. 30, "	" " " "	184.45
Nov. 30, "	" " " "	90.85
Feb. 3, 1896.	" " " "	404.18
Feb. 24, "	" " " "	538.43
Mar. 3, "	" " " "	277.90
April 1, "	" " " "	106.46
May 7, "	" " " "	262.37
June 4, "	" " " "	497.81
July 10, "	" " " "	208.16
Aug. 7, "	" " " "	204.87
Sept. 4, "	" " " "	168.04
Oct. 2, "	" " " "	68.93
Nov. 4, "	" " " "	500.00
Nov. 10, "	" " " "	485.07
Dec. 8, "	" " " "	800.00
Jan. 4, 1897.	" " " "	285.15
Feb. 3, "	" " " "	172.05
Feb. 11, "	" " " "	257.54
Mar. 12, "	" " " "	300.00
Mar. 29, "	" " " "	217.95
April 6, "	" " " "	200.00
April 27, "	" " " "	184.93
May 11, "	" " " "	200.00
June 4, "	" " " "	264.89
July 27, "	" " " "	250.00
Sept. 3, "	" " " "	100.08
Oct. 5, "	" " " "	304.84
Oct. 9, "	" " " "	356.64
Nov. 13, "	" " " "	299.65
Dec. 6, "	" " " "	526.81
Dec. 21, "	" " " "	513.24
Jan. 3, 1898.	" " " "	166.77
Feb. 4, "	" " " "	448.96
Mar. 2, "	" " " "	364.40
April 2, "	" " " "	331.33
May 10, "	" " " "	169.37
June 1, "	" " " "	141.69
July 2, "	" " " "	267.70
July 23, "	" " " "	400.00
July 27, "	" " " "	545.46

Total ----- \$19,084.27

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS.

Sept. 7, 1895.	No. 236.	Boston Y. M. C. T. U., Hall rent for Aug. 26, 27 and 30, 1895.....	\$ 150.00
" 24, "	" 238.	Mrs. M. E. Partridge, Mileage	100.50
" 24, "	" 239.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Appropriation ..	200.00
" 27, "	" 263.	Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, Mileage.....	36.15
" 27, "	" 287.	James R. Donnell, Appropriation ...	200.00
" 27, "	" 247.	H. A. Ercanbrack, Mileage	36.30
" 27, "	" 258.	N. A. Gearhart, Mileage.....	46.77
" 27, "	" 265.	A. G. Pinkham, Mileage.....	49.29
" 28, "	" 240.	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Appropriation	779.50
" 28, "	" 243.	Mrs. M. C. Snedden, Mileage.....	85.52
" 28, "	" 249.	Mrs. J. B. McClintock, Mileage	20.67
" 28, "	" 259.	Mrs. L. A. Turck, Mileage	26.22
" 30, "	" 245.	H. H. Hinds, Mileage	26.22
" 30, "	" 257.	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Mileage.....	30.00
" 30, "	" 260.	Mrs. S. J. Clark, Mileage	48.00
Oct. 1, "	" 241.	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Appropriation	220.50
" 1, "	" 242.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Appropriation...	400.00
" 1, "	" 246.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mileage.....	30.00
" 2, "	" 251.	Mrs. E. M. Hollinger, Mileage	32.16
" 4, "	" 250.	Mrs. M. E. Wakefield, Mileage.....	42.96
" 4, "	" 252.	Mrs. M. E. McClure, Mileage.....	45.00
" 4, "	" 256.	Mrs. L. J. Lowry, Mileage.....	22.83
" 4, "	" 258.	J. C. Postlewaite, Mileage	49.56
" 4, "	" 262.	Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs, Mileage	56.40
" 4, "	" 268.	R. H. Burnham, Mileage.....	5 82
" 4, "	" 269.	John R. Parsons, Mileage.....	35.52
" 12, "	" 244.	James R. Donnell, Mileage	49.83
" 12, "	" 254.	Mrs. Jane Davis, Mileage.....	2.84
" 12, "	" 255.	Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Mileage	30.00
" 12, "	" 267.	Mrs. A. H. Haskell, Mileage.....	40.74
" 21, "	" 271.	F. C. Hurtze, Badges	40 50
" 26, "	" 248.	Mrs. E. L. Hedges, Mileage.....	76.92
" 26, "	" 266.	F. G. Alexander, Mileage.....	13.74
" 26, "	" 270.	Joseph Hall, Mileage	22.20
Nov. 1, "	" 272.	Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, Current Expenses	1,000.00
" 1, "	" 273.	Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, Salary of July \$20.83, Aug. 41.66, Sept. \$83.33, Oct. \$83.33 to Oct. 31st inclusive, 1895,	229.15
" 6, "	" 264.	Fred W. Lantz, Mileage.....	12.54

Nov. 28, 1895.	No. 274.	James R. Donnell, Expenses.....\$	50.00
Dec. 3, "	" 275.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mileage.....	1,671.08
" 3, "	" 276.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov....	88.88
" 5, "	" 280.	Egerston & Hoffmann, Printing	800.00
" 7, "	" 279.	Mr. R. Nevers, Printing.....	112.50
" 10, "	" 278.	J. Manz & Co., Plates.....	20.00
" 12, "	" 281.	Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, Mileage of McMillen of Iowa and Brown of Maine	27.46
" 18, "	" 286.	F. H. Brenckle, Printing.....	189.75
" 14, "	" 288.	Egerston & Hoffmann, Printing	405.20
Jan. 24, 1896.	" 282.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec.'95	83.88
Feb. 4, "	" 284.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan....	83.88
" 8, "	" 285.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mileage to Brown and Hathaway	47.66
Mar. 4, "	" 287.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb....	83.88
April 2, "	" 288.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Mar....	83.88
May 2, "	" 289.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April..	83.88
" 7, "	" 290.	Egerston & Hoffmann, Rituals, Ode Cards and Sec'y Receipt Books ...	676.50
" 28, "	" 291.	F. W. Brenckle & Co., Printing.....	125.00
June 4, "	" 294.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May..	83.88
" 6, "	" 292.	F. W. Brenckle & Co., Printing.....	66.45
" 9, "	" 293.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Expenses..	50.00
July 1, "	" 295.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June..	83.88
Aug. 3, "	" 297.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Current Expenses	1,000.00
" 3, "	" 299.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July..	83.88
" 4, "	" 298.	Egerston & Hoffmann, Printing.....	33.00
" 4, "	" 296.	Mary E. Partridge, Expenses.....	90.70
Sept. 7, "	" 300.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Aug..	83.88
Sept. 19, "	" 301.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Traveling Expenses and Postage.....	135.00
Oct. 3, "	" 302.	Carqueville Lithographing Co.	362.68
Nov. 4, "	" 303.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Sept. and Oct.....	166.66
" 12, "	" 304.	Mrs. M. E. Partridge, Traveling Exp.	36.95
" 18, "	" 305.	F. W. Brenckle & Co., Printing.....	65.75
Dec. 18, "	" 306.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov....	83.88
Jan. 8, 1897.	" 307.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec.'96	83.88
Feb. 6, "	" 308.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan....	83.88
" 26, "	" 309.	Egerston & Hoffmann, Printing	23.25
Mar. 4, "	" 310.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb....	83.88
" 20, "	" 311.	H. Harrison Hinds, Postage and Sta- tionary for 18 months	44.50
April 2, "	" 312.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March	83.88

April 30, 1897.	No. 314.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April...	\$ 88.88
May 14, "	" 318.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Expenses...	175.00
" 17, "	" 315.	F. W. Brenckle & Co., Printing.....	25.50
" 27, "	" 316.	Egerston & Hoffman, Printing, Rit- uals, Etc.	658.00
June 1, "	" 317.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May..	88.88
July 6, "	" 318.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June..	88.88
Aug. 4, "	" 319.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July..	88.88
Sept. 2, "	" 320.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Aug. -	88.88
Oct. 5, "	" 321.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Sept..	88.88
Nov. 1, "	" 322.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct...	88.88
Dec. 1, "	" 323.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov. -	88.88
" 17, "	" 324.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Current Expenses	500.00
Jan. 7, 1898.	" 325.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec.'97	88.88
Feb. 3, "	" 326.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan. --	88.88
Mar. 3, "	" 327.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb...	88.88
" 8, "	" 328.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Current Expenses	200.00
April 2, "	" 329.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March	88.88
" 4, "	" 330.	Severinghaus & Belfuss, Printing..	59.00
May 2, "	" 331.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April..	88.88
June 3, "	" 332.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May..	88.88
July 2, "	" 334.	Robert Stewart, Rituals	626.50
" 2, "	" 333.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June..	88.88
" 25, "	" 335.	M. E. Partridge, Traveling Expenses	87.50
" 25, "	" 336.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Ex- pense to July 15th, 1898.....	57.65
" 25, "	" 337.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary to July 15th, 1898	41.66
Total.....			\$14,874.65

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	\$19,084.27
Total Expenditures	14,874.65
Balance Cash on hand	\$ 4,209.62

Fraternally submitted,

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Anamosa, Ia., July 28th, 1898.

GRAND CHAPTER OF WYOMING.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary presented a communication, giving an account of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Sept. 14th, 1898, which was referred to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and through her to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

H. M. Pettit offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Art. XIII., Sec. 1, of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words, "may be," the words "and after seven shall be" so as the section as amended may read:

Sec. 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any state, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be, and after seven, shall be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

H. M. PETTIT.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment to convene tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at eight o'clock A. M. by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the morning session open for business.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions, were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion they were approved as read.

GREETING.

The following from Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron was read, and upon motion the letter was ordered to be placed on record, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary instructed to make suitable acknowledgment.

SAN JUAN, Cal., Sept. 21st, 1898.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary, G. G. C.

Dear Sister:—Please extend my greetings to the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter and express my regrets that I cannot enjoy with them the pleasures and privileges of the present occasion. Fraternally yours,

MARY A. FLINT.

N. A. Gearhart moved that the Committee on "Independent Grand Chapters," appointed at Boston be discharged, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Harrison D. Rowe, N. A. Gearhart was added to the Committee on Conference.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following special committee and filled vacancies in standing committees:

Deceased Members:—Alfred G. Pinkham, Mrs. Emma W. Port and Mrs. Ida E. Joslin.

Appeals and Grievance:—Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard.

Unfinished Business:—Mrs. Alma C. Strong.

ADDRESSES.

S. Penrose Williams, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted the following:

To the M. W. Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Addresses to whom were referred the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron, and the M. W. Grand Patron, would respectfully report that, having examined these papers, do submit as a result of their labors the following recommendations:

Believing, that the precedent established by several of the Grand Chapters is worthy of adoption by the General Grand Chapter, we would recommend that all matters contained in said addresses having reference to deceased members be referred to the Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.

That all matters contained in the address of the M. W. Grand Matron, in relation to her official acts, decisions to changes in the Ritual, and to a ceremony for opening the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to the so-called "higher

degrees" and all recommendations, with the exception of the one pertaining to Mountain Chapter, Park City, Utah, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the recommendation in regard to the remission of dues for the year 1898 of Mountain Chapter; and the matter referring to the loss of certain of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, by the failure of North & Taylor, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the portion of said address which refers to the extension of the Order in foreign countries be referred to a Special Committee.

That such portion of said address which refers to Esther Chapter, Bagdad, Tennessee, together with all matters contained in the Most Worthy Grand Patron's Address in relation to the issuing of Charters to new Chapters be referred to the Committee on Charters.

That all of the remaining portions of the Most Worthy Grand Patron's Address be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

MRS. MATTIE P. BARNEY.

MRS. JENNIE E. BRADLEY.

On motion of Willis D. Engle the resolution and the matter referring to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, was recommitted and the remaining portion adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully

report that the case of the Misses Whitworth's of Moscow, Idaho, is the only business left unfinished at the last session of the General Grand Chapter.

The case in our judgment is one of the unfortunate ones for which there is no remedy: the ladies are clearly not eligible under our rules, and we can not see the advisability of changing those rules.

Therefore, recommended that the General Grand Chapter uphold the decision of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, James R. Donnell.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CARRIE M. PERKINS.

EDWARD W. BARROWS.

MRS. ALMA C. STRONG.

AMENDMENT TO THE RITUAL.

James Bestor Merritt submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved: That the Ritual be amended by striking out the eighth and ninth lines on page 60, so that it shall read:

"My Sister, The Eastern Star is closely related to the Masonic Fraternity. The wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Masons may become co-laborers with the great Brotherhood in the service of humanity."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.

Past Grand Patron of California.

INVITATIONS.

The following communication relative to holding the next Triennial Session at Dallas, Texas, was read, and on motion of N. A. Gearhart, was ordered filed

and recorded, inasmuch as the place of meeting is fixed by the first five officers, acting as a committee.

MASONIC TEMPLE, HALL OF DALLAS
CHAPTER NO. 1, ORDER EASTERN STAR.

DALLAS, Texas, August 25th, 1898.

To The General Grand Chapter, Order of The Eastern Star
—Greeting:

In your Triennial Session, held in the city of Washington, D. C., will probably be selected the place for holding your meeting for the year 1901. In view of this fact, Dallas Chapter No. 1, extends a cordial and fraternal invitation to the General Grand Chapter to meet in the city of Dallas. We can assure you a hearty welcome and guarantee you hospitable entertainment while in our midst.

The Organization never having held a session in a Southern city, we believe, if in your wisdom, you do so for the 1901 Triennial, that it will be vastly beneficial to the Order throughout the South. Our hotel accommodations are ample, and our Hall one of the largest and most completely equipped in Texas.

Done by authority of the Chapter, in regular meeting assembled this day, and attested by the Secretary and over the seal of the Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

KATE M. BRYAN,
Secretary.

William F. King, of Michigan, submitted the following invitation to the General Grand Chapter to meet in Detroit, and upon motion it was referred to the same committee.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members
of the General Grand Chapter of the United States
O. E. S.*

Sisters and Brothers:—We the present Worthy Matrons of the several Detroit Chapters, O. E. S., in behalf of ourselves and the Chapters which we represent, respectfully invite your Grand Body to hold its next Triennial meeting in 1901 at Detroit, Michigan.

The reputation of Detroit as a Convention City is well known and the welcome of her citizens to her stranger guests is always most cordial. We trust you may accept our invitation.

Fraternally,

IDA M. TALMAGE, Worthy Matron,
Hayward Chapter, No. 37.

MARY WILLIAMSON, Worthy Matron,
Keystone Chapter, No. 52.

ELIZABETH HUMPHREYS, Worthy Matron,
Palestine Chapter, No. 80.

MRS. MAGGIE GIBB, Worthy Matron,
Detroit Chapter, No. 116.

MARY K. DAKER, Worthy Matron,
Wayne Chapter, No. 136.

DETROIT, Sept. 22nd, 1898.

MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, of Texas, submitted the following, and upon motion of Frank A. Brown, it was referred to a committee of five to report at this meeting.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand
Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand
Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:*

Greeting:—At the annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas, convened at Fort

Worth, October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1896, our Grand Patron, brother L. S. Garrison, who excels in fidelity, good judgment and forethought, said, among the many good things in his annual address: "There is another matter to which I wish to call the attention of this Grand Body, which is the condition appertaining to the sale of the ritual of this organization. I am of the opinion that a document containing nine-tenths of the secret work of any Order should not be made a purchasable commodity. I firmly believe that so soon as the very fabric of any secret organization becomes a matter of trade and barter it forever removes the sanctity and secrecy that should surround it. It makes this institution, instead of a secret one, a semi-secret society. There is no question but what it lowers our standing among the other fraternal Orders throughout the civilized world, as there are none within my knowledge whose rituals can be had by purchase. Other secret bodies have monitors, manuals, shibboleths, tactics, etc., but in none of these can be found a single line of the secret work. Therefore, having solely in view what I conceive to be the elevation of the Order, and what I believe to be for its best interests, I make the following recommendations, viz: That the Grand Matron appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to prepare a memorial to the next General Grand Chapter to the effect that it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the present ritual be called in and one promulgated for the use of the 'Craft' which does not contain any of the monitorial work, and that the same be placed in the keeping of the proper custodian, as is usual in such cases. Also that the General Grand Chapter be requested to issue a monitor, manual, or such other name as they may see fit to give it, for the membership in general. That the provisions of this memorial may be more effectively carried out, I suggest that our Grand Secretary be instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of said memorial printed, and, accompanied by a circular letter, be sent every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, requesting their support of the measure by giving the respective Grand Representatives the necessary instructions in the premises."

The above recommendations being unanimously endorsed by our Grand Body, we, the committee appointed by the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in conformity thereto, would respectfully petition your Grand Body to consider the above recommendations, as we firmly believe an imperative necessity exists, demanding the promulgation of a new ritual, thoroughly revised and which shall contain all of the secret work of this organization, with possibly the exception of the pass words and their connections. When prepared and ready for use, it shall be placed in the hands of each Grand Matron throughout their respective Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and all other countries, as fast as the Order shall be extended. That at the same time there be issued by your authority a monitor for the use of members generally, which does not contain any of the secret work, as is now the case. We further ask that at this session your Grand Body appoint a committee on Ritual and Monitor Work, with the necessary instructions looking toward the execution of the provisions of this memorial.

REE ALVORD

AMELIA A. GARRISON.

ALEX. FRANK.

Committee.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following committee:

FRANK A. BROWN, South Dakota.

WILLIS D. ENGLE, Indiana.

MRS. AUGUSTA D. WILSON, California.

WILLIAM F. KING, Michigan.

MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, Iowa.

MEMORIAL.

The following communication from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was read and referred to the above committee, also:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter—Greeting:*

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., July 26th, 1898.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, O. E. S., held November 16th, 1897, the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Texas was read, concerning the change of ritual, and on motion, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider these changes and recommend for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania their rejection or adoption. The Worthy Grand Matron appointed brother John S. Jenkins, sisters Belle Luckenbach and Mary A. Strachen, such committee who have reported, as follows:

We, the undersigned committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Texas, relative to and urging the withdrawal of all rituals and issuing of new ones to contain none of the Monotorial Work. Now,

We, your committee, beg leave to report that after careful examination of the ritual now in use, and comparing it with the manual of the Order, formerly in use by the members of the Masonic Fraternity and their female relatives, who were instructed somewhat in the work of the Order of the Eastern Star; that we are opposed to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the following reasons:

1st.—So far as we can determine there is not as good an opportunity to get the secret work out of the ritual we now have, by any one who has not taken the degrees of the Order, as formerly by the use of the Manual.

2nd.—There is not in the ritual now in use anything whereby a person not having taken the degrees could learn enough to injure us, or benefit them; furthermore, it would be an unnecessary expense, and one for which we would receive little or no benefit.

3rd.—As to the Monotorial Work being placed in the keeping of proper custodians, etc., what would we gain here? Is

not our secret work now kept in the hands of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Associate Matron? We see no greater security in the plan proposed.

(Signed)

[SEAL.]

JOHN S. JENKINS,
BELLE E. LUCKENBACH,
MARY A. STRACHEN,
Committee.

G. W. GLEASON, Grand Secretary.

May 18th, 1898.

Upon motion of William F. King, the election of officers was fixed for nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill, the General Grand Chapter decided that when this session was called off it be until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

AMENDMENT TO THE RITUAL.

Chas L. Patton presented the following, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which motion was concurred in.

The ballot box shall be examined by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, who shall then deposit their ballots. The box shall then be carried by the Associate Conductress to the Associate Matron for her ballot and to every member present or placed on Altar.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. L. PATTON.

Upon motion of Willis D. Engle, the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at eight o'clock to-morrow morning, the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

THURSDAY, Sept. 29th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at eight o'clock A. M. by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the morning session open for business.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion they were approved as read.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred G. Pinkham, from the committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

The simple parable of nature begun in the spring-time, continued in the summer and ended in the autumn, sets forth most eloquently the life of man, and is a constant reminder of our mortality. But they who look beneath the outward show, may read as well the lesson of our immortality. Since last we met three years ago, the Angel of Death has summoned from our midst eighteen of our permanent members, whose names

we lovingly record:—Sisters Jane Miller, Julia Abraham, Georgia A. Matfield, Victoria C. Little and Mary C. Fenton; Brothers John H. Noble, Eugene B. Dyke, John Van Buren Green, Herman G. Reynolds, Herman G. Carter, John A. Regnell, J. Ira Brown, N. D. Ricks, James M. Harkey, David B. Purington, John F. Dickinson Richard F. Dunn and I. W. Blake. Their memory we cherish. Their zeal and earnestness we gladly commend.

While mourning their loss we look forward with trustful faith to a joyful re-union in that land where separation and death are never known.

We recommend that memorial pages be set apart in the printed proceedings of this Grand Body, their names inscribed thereon.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED G. PINKHAM.

MRS. EMMA W. PORT.

MRS. IDA E. JOSLIN.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following, the recommendations of which were, upon motion, acted upon seriatim:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister and Brothers:—The report of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means is herewith respectfully presented.

We have examined the accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and find them correct, the duties of both officers having been performed in a careful and accurate manner.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary has paid to the Right Worthy Treasurer the sum of \$12,158.48 receiving the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer's receipt therefor.

The account of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer is as follows:

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$6, 925.79
Received from Right Worthy Grand Secretary.....	\$12,158.48
Total.....	\$19,084.27
Paid out on warrants properly drawn.....	\$14,874.65
Balance in hands of R. W. Grand Treasurer....	\$4,209.62

The system adopted by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary is complete in every detail; it involves a vast amount of labor but produces excellent results.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron has manifested a remarkable degree of zeal, energy and devotion to the Order: she has visited a large number of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, thereby causing renewed interest in the Order and in some cases encouraging struggling Chapters to such an extent that they have been saved from dissolution.

In recognition of her valuable services we recommend an appropriation of eight hundred dollars to Most Worthy Grand Matron Mary E. Partridge.

We recommend that the officers and standing committees of the General Grand Chapter in attendance at this session be allowed mileage at the rate of three cents per mile one way, provided, that no person shall be paid mileage in more than one capacity.

We recommend that the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron be authorized to appoint a committee of three to confer, by correspondence, with the several Grand Chapters in reference to the levying of a per capita tax to be paid by the Grand Chapters to the General Grand Chapter, said committee to report at the next session.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALDEN BLOSSOM.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS.

The recommendation relating to the accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, was upon motion adopted.

The recommendation relating to the accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, was upon motion adopted.

The recommendation relating to the appropriation for the Most Worthy Grand Matron, was upon motion adopted.

The recommendation relating to mileage; Frank A. Brown moved that this section shall provide that each member of the General Grand Chapter present shall receive mileage at the rate of two cents a mile, one way.

Harrison D. Rowe moved to amend the amendment that we pay no mileage whatever.

Willis D. Engle raised the point of order that this General Grand Chapter could *not* amend the report of a committee, which was sustained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

The vote was then taken upon the recommendation of the committee, and the same was declared *not* adopted.

The recommendation relating to the appointment of a committee for the purpose of considering the advisability of levying a per capita tax was, upon motion, *not* adopted.

Upon motion of Fred Ring the report of the Finance Committee was adopted as a whole, except those portions which were not adopted.

Upon motion of Irwin B. Webber, the committee was continued to make further report.

Upon motion of James B. Merritt, the election of officers was postponed until three o'clock P. M.

CONFERENCE.

James B. Merritt, from the Committee on Conference, submitted the following report, which, together with the recommendations, were concurred in.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the Grand Chapters of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, would respectfully report the following:

A meeting of the committees was held with a full representation, as follows: Mrs. Eleanor Burton, Mrs. Rachel L. Stiefel, and Mrs. Eliza M. Demarest, of New York; Mrs. Frances L. Boone, Wm. C. Brown and Mrs. Anna Garabrant of New Jersey; Chas. L. Fowler and Mrs. Ida M. Fiske of Connecticut. The Chairman of the Committee from New York, Mrs. Eleanor Burton, submitted the following written statement, which is hereto attached and made a part of this report.

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 27th, 1898.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, United States.

Esteemed Members in Session—Greeting: As the Grand Chapter of New York has been fraternally invited to unite with the General Grand Chapter, and as we are here as delegates from the Grand Chapter of New York, we can frankly say that the purpose or work of this body is not understood by a large majority of the members of the Grand Chapter of our State; unfortunately they have not taken the opportunity to inform themselves, and the grand representatives have not kept themselves nor the Grand Chapter posted, and we feel that owing to these conditions, we of New York might be misjudged or made to appear antagonistic to the General Grand Chapter, when such is not the case.

It is true we use the Macoy ritual, because it was the original work of the Order, and one under which many of the chapters now throughout the United States first found the light of the Eastern Star. As it is the desire of the General Grand Chapter for a standard ritual, we think the time has come for the entire Order to have a secret, uniform work, and as united action can end in success, it may be that a universal ritual, compiled or revised by good ritualists of the Order at large, can work together for the advancement and elevation of the combined associations.

We, the committee, appointed by the Grand Chapter of New York, to see what arrangements can be made for affiliating with your body, are here for the purpose of ascertaining all possible facts, whereby we may make a full report at the next annual session to be held in June, 1899, at which time final action will be taken.

But before uniting with the General Grand Body there are a few important questions to be considered.

First: We have bought at an expense of one thousand dollars the copyright of the Macoy ritual; we have had it printed; it is in use in all of our chapters, and any change of ritual would entail a heavy expense upon our Grand Chapter, as well as every chapter of our State.

Second: It has always been the custom in our State to admit Master Masons to our assemblies, and after obligating them to secrecy, permit them to witness our work. In the majority of cases these Masons become impressed with the Order, and bring in the petition of a daughter, wife, sister or mother. Masons in New York have so many orders of their own, for example, the lodge, chapter, council, commandery, and the shrine, that they do not care to join the Eastern Star, but they are willing that the female members of their families should become members, and they give us their friendly and financial support, and we feel that we have their good will.

Third: We have in our work a Floral Ceremony, which was first brought out in Stella Chapter No. 29, on May 5th,

1875, and since then has become part of our ceremonies. It is beautiful and instructive, and capable of being made a source of pleasure to candidates and visitors alike. Our Grand Chapter has adopted this ceremony as a part of the standard work, and the members would not be willing to give it up.

Fourth: We have several chapters that work in the German language, and they have our ritual translated, and this at their own expense; if we make a change they must be considered, and provision made to care for them.

In presenting these facts we, as delegates, would like a friendly and fraternal discussion as to what arrangements can be made in reference to the first question, the ritual. Surely you as a great body of intelligent members would not expect that we should be put to the expense of so great a change without some compensation as to the money expended on our work.

And we would in a fraternal manner ask the question: "What would this grand body do in re-imbursing us for the expenses of a change?" In view of the fact that Master Masons (not members of the Order) are admitted to our meetings, but are obligated to secrecy. How can we reconcile that with the laws of the General Grand Chapter, or would you be willing to grant us time to bring about the change?

As to the third, our floral degree, we learn that many of the states of the West are beginning to use it as an addendum, and we think that when its beauties are fully known, that it will be adopted by all the states, that it will be a source of pleasure to all our members, and therefore feel that this matter may be left in your hands with safety. This leaves but the consideration of the German chapters, and now, brothers and sisters, having placed these facts of our Grand Chapter before you, we ask your kindly consideration of them, and trust that your decision will be such that it may bring harmony and good feeling to all grand bodies now affiliated with you, and that we can look forward to the day when your wise judgments will make

us one grand, united body, whose only aim will be "who best can work, and best agree."

LANDMARKS OF STATE OF NEW YORK GRAND CHAPTER.

Those eligible to membership are master masons in good standing in their lodges: Wives, sisters, daughters, mothers, and widows.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. ELEANOR BURTON.

MRS. RACHEL L. STIEFEL.

MRS. ELIZA M. DEMAREST.

Committee.

Your committee carefully reviewed the reasons given, why these Grand Chapters have not deemed it wise to become our constituents. The discussion was protracted, free and full. From the above statement together with the information gained from conversation with the representatives of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the real matters in controversy appeared to be reduced to two: namely, the Macoy ritual and the admission of Master Masons to the meetings of the Order, without a regular initiation.

Connecticut expresses a fear that they would lose their independence and be compelled to contribute to the financial support of the General Grand Chapter. They also have the so-called "higher degrees," and were uncertain whether a union would be affected in any manner by this fact.

Your committee do not consider these matters of any vital importance. It is to be hoped—nay—presumed, that the wisdom of the General Chapter will so handle its finances that no assessments will ever be necessary, and at most that the demand upon the Grand Chapters will be nominal.

As to the "higher degrees"—they are entirely

outside the province of this General Grand Chapter, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron has in her address, at this session, ably stated the position of this General Grand Chapter in that matter.

In regard to the ritual and the admission of Master Masons, your committee feel that the General Grand Chapter ought to be generous and forbearing. Both these questions are of great importance to New York and New Jersey.

While this General Grand Chapter desires to hold out the welcoming hand, believing that a union of all the Grand Chapters would tend to strengthen the Order and to promote truth and love, unity and peace, yet we cannot entirely sacrifice uniformity of ritual, and of qualifications for membership, the establishment and perpetuation of which is one of the principal objects of the existence of the General Grand Chapter.

We have, therefore, formulated a proposition, which, we hope, will be acceptable, both to the General Grand Chapter and to the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Resolved:—That in the event of a decision on the part of the Grand Chapter of New York, to become a constituent of this General Grand Chapter.

This General Grand Chapter will present to the Grand Chapter of New York five hundred copies of our ritual, and further; will exchange, copy for copy, all rituals sent by the Grand Secretary of New York to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be authorized to have a translation of our ritual made into the German language, and to furnish as many copies thereof as shall be desired as a part of the five hundred rituals to be presented, and to exchange ritual for ritual, such copies of the German ritual of New

York, as may be sent to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, by the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey.

Provided, That should a revision of the ritual be ordered at this session of the General Grand Chapter, then the exchange shall be made after the promulgation of the revised ritual.

Furthermore, That the Grand Chapter of New York destroy the plates of the Macoy ritual now in their possession, or place the same in the hands of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

That a period of three years be allowed, during which time the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey shall conform their regulations in the matter of the admission of Master Masons to those of the General Grand Chapter.

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall confer the privileges of visiting Chapters outside of the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey upon any Master Mason, who shall not have been regularly initiated into the Order.

Further, That the Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont, be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership in this General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. MERRITT, California.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON, District of Columbia.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS, Iowa.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD, Indiana.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, Illinois.

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART, Minnesota.

The representatives from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were then introduced and made appropriate remarks indicatative of their pleasure at the happy result of the conference.

MARYLAND.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary presented the following from Maryland Chapter No. 2, of Balti-

more, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24th, 1898.

*To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter
—Greeting:*

Dear Sisters and Brothers: As secretary of Maryland Chapter No. 2, I have been instructed to forward the enclosed resolutions under seal of the Chapter, and to make known to you that sister Margeret Megenhardt and brother R. M. Coombs have been elected and instructed to represent the interests of this Chapter to your honorable body. We trust that the courtesy of the floor will be extended to them with privilege of voice upon matters pertaining to the interests of the Order in our Chapter and State.

Respectfully and fraternally,

[SEAL.] MISS ELEANOR SULTZER, Worthy Matron.
MRS. M. A. H. CADDEN, Secretary.

Resolved, That the representatives of Maryland Chapter No. 2, be allowed the privilege of the floor, for the purpose of expressing to your Most Worthy Body the desire of Maryland Chapter, with a majority of other Chapters for the formation of a Grand Chapter in Maryland, to express the efforts and work made by said Chapters to this end. To make known to you the hardships said Chapters feel by the fact that they bear the burden of "taxation without representation," and

To pray, your honorable body to so adjust these irregularities that our proper rights and privileges may be guaranteed us, thus restoring peace and harmony within the borders of our beloved Order in Maryland.

[SEAL.] MISS ELEANOR SULTZER, Worthy Matron.
MRS. M. A. H. CADDEN, Secretary.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following additional report,

and upon motion of Willis D. Engle, the matter was recommitted to the committee with instructions to submit a specific report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Sisters and Brothers:—The Committee on Finance report that they conferred with the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, in regard to bill for expenses presented by the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

The amount claimed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron was in excess of the amount that the committee considered fair and equitable.

A reduction in the amount of said bill was made and the committee recommended to the Most Worthy Grand Matron the payment of said reduced bill.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron stated that he wanted his bill paid, but did not desire a donation or appropriation.

Therefore, the Finance Committee omitted mention of an appropriation for the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALDEN BLOSSOM.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill the most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at two o'clock P. M., the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY, Sept. 29th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at two o'clock P. M., by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the Afternoon Session open for business.

The members of the Order in the District of Columbia, having extended the General Grand Chapter an invitation for a carriage drive, the same was, on motion of Joseph W. Hill, accepted for two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Credential Committee through its Chairman, Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, submitted the *full* report of said committee, which, on motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, was concurred in.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Harrison D. Rowe, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, and upon motion the recommendation was concurred in.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the subject of this General Grand Chapter, recognizing the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we acknowledge with pleasure the energy and ambition exhibited by our sisters and brothers of Wyoming, and do hereby acknowledge and recognize the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star, and welcome the representatives of that grand jurisdiction to our General Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRISON D. ROWE.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES.

ELECTION.

The hour set apart for the election of officers having arrived, the Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed as tellers, Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Mrs. Nettie Ransford and Joseph W. Hill, which resulted in the choice of the following:

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.

L. Cabell Williamson, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Chas. L. Patten moved that the General Grand Chapter call off until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which motion prevailed, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 7:30 o'clock this evening, the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—EVENING.

THURSDAY, Sept. 29th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 7:30 o'clock P. M., by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the Evening Session open for business.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Harrison D. Rowe, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report, relating to the organization of Grand Chapters in Maryland and Louisiana, and upon motion the report was adopted and the recommendations concurred in.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter.

Your committee has carefully considered the matter of forming Grand Chapters under Art. XIII of our Constitution, and we are of the opinion that your Most Worthy Grand Patron is in error, he having read and acted upon Section 1 alone. Section 2 provides that when there be a sufficient number of Subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the "*Call shall* be made, etc."

Section 1 only provides the number of Chapters that shall exist before a Grand Chapter *may* be established,—but when the five or more Chapters ask for the formation of a Grand

Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Patron *shall* call a convention and hear the petitioners, etc.

We would, therefore, recommend the following resolution covering the cases of the Chapters in the State of Louisiana and Maryland:

Resolved, That the incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron be directed to proceed, as soon as practicable, to appoint a disinterested deputy, who shall organize a Grand Chapter in the State of Louisiana.

Provided, A majority of the Chapters so desire.

Resolved, That the incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron be directed to proceed, as soon as practicable, to appoint a disinterested deputy, who shall organize a Grand Chapter in the State of Maryland.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRISON D. ROWE,

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES.

The General Grand Chapter then proceeded with the election of officers, with the following result:

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Worthy Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary introduced at this time Major John D. Black, of North Dakota, a member of the Eastern Star, who had just returned from Porto Rico. Major Black received an enthusiastic welcome, and made a few happy remarks, followed by patriotic music.

Mrs. Augusta D. Wilson at this time arose and addressed a few remarks to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E. Partridge, and presented her, on behalf of the sisters and brothers from California, with a beautiful writing set, as a small testimonial of their

love and esteem. The Most Worthy Grand Matron feelingly responded to the kind sentiments thus expressed.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, concerning the report of said committee recommitted, and upon the motion of C. W. Okie, the recommendation was concurred in.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Sisters and Brothers:—We report that the claim made by the Most Worthy Patron was One Dollar (\$1) per day, including Sundays, for thirty-seven months, for the services of a type-writer, and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for postage for nineteen months, and telegrams and expressage for thirty-seven months.

We recommend an appropriation of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), to be paid to Most Worthy Grand Patron, H. H. Hinds, this sum to include the amount already paid to him for postage, for the first eighteen months of the term, as well as all amounts claimed for telegrams and expressage for the entire term, and postage for the past nineteen months.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALDEN BLOSSOM.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following additional report, and upon motion of N. A. Gearhart, the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Sisters and Brothers:—The Committee on Finance present the following report upon matters specially referred:

Upon recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in regard to Mountain Chapter, which sustained a very serious loss by fire, we recommend that the dues of said Chapter for the year 1898 be remitted:

As requested by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, we have carefully investigated the matter of the loss caused by the failure of the Bank of North & Taylor; we find that the matter has been very fully, fairly and correctly stated by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and we recommend that sister Pitkin be reimbursed the amount paid by her, said re-imbursement to be made in two payments, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be paid at this time, and the balance to be paid one year from this time.

Bank suspended August 11th, 1896. Amount of General Grand Chapter money on deposit, One Thousand and Seventy Dollars and forty-five cents (\$1070.45): 15 per cent paid by receiver, June 25th, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALDEN BLOSSOM.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Harrison D. Rowe, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report, and upon motion the General Grand Chapter then proceeded to act upon the recommendations seriatim:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Officers of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has carefully investigated and considered that portion of the report of the Most

Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary referred to us, and have to report for your consideration, as follows:

That the "Official Acts" as reported by the Most Worthy Grand Matron be approved, namely: Approval of Bonds, Recognition of Grand Chapters, Demits, Special Deputies, Approval of By-Laws, Approval of Amendments to By-Laws, Special Dispensations.

We recommend the approval of the following decisions:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45.

As to decisions Nos. 4, 9, 26 and 29, we report as follows:

No. 4. *Ques.* "How should the officers of the General Grand Chapter be introduced in a Grand Chapter?"

Ans. "It is optional. That is a courtesy each Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, may exercise according to their own ideas of etiquette."

We would recommend that No. 4 be not approved, but in lieu thereof substitute: "According to the manner as practiced in that particular jurisdiction and with the Grand Honors."

No. 9. *Ques.* "I have a niece whom I have raised, whose mother died when she was three months old; may she join the Chapter on my husband's standing?"

Ans. "If you have legally adopted your niece, she may petition the Chapter for the degrees as your adopted daughter. If you have not done so, she is ineligible."

We would recommend that the answer be:

"If your husband has legally adopted your niece, she may petition the Chapter for the degrees as his adopted daughter. If he has not done so, she is ineligible."

No. 26. *Ques.* "Should we give the Grand Honors to all Past Grand Officers in Grand Chapter and invite them to seats in the East?"

Ans. "This courtesy is optional. If you desire to extend the Grand Honors to Past Grand Matrons and Patrons as a courtesy for former services rendered, I can see no objection to their being so honored by your Grand Chapter."

Your committee recommends that the answer to the above question be :

"This is a matter to be regulated by each Grand Chapter."

No. 29. *Ques.* "Can the Worthy Patron call on the Worthy Matron to give the obligation? Our Past Grand Patron decided that he could do so."

Ans. "I find nothing in the Ritual or Constitution of the General Grand Chapter authorizing the Worthy Matron to give the obligation. At the foot of page 62 of the Ritual it reads as follows: 'The Worthy Matron may, at the request of the Worthy Patron, conclude the initiation ceremonies.'"

Your committee recommends that the answer to 29 be : "No."

With regard to Nos. 34, 35, 36 and 37, we recommend that they be eliminated for obvious reasons, and at the request of our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

We recommend the approval of the answers to questions 46, 47, 48 and 49.

We recommend the approval of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of the "Recommendations" of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

No. 8 is referred to the General Grand Chapter without recommendation.

No. 17. We recommend that all the subject matter, except the financial portion be eliminated from the Proceedings, and that the financial portion be referred to the Finance Committee.

We have given special consideration to the subject of "Higher Degrees" so-called, and approve of the position taken by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That there are no degrees connected in any way or manner with our Order other than those provided for and taught by our ritual.

And be it further Resolved, That any member willfully representing to any one that there are side degrees, higher degrees, or any degrees other than those taught and provided for by our ritual, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be suspended or expelled from the Order.

RITUAL.

No. 1. Approved.

No. 2. We recommend that the following be the sense of this Grand Body:

That legally-adopted daughters and half-sisters are included, and that they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of blood-relationship.

No. 3. We recommend the following as the answer:

That all printed matter between the covers of the ritual shall be considered as law, and binding upon all the Grand Chapters.

No. 4. We would recommend that the clause relating to membership on page 1 of the ritual, be amended as follows:

After the word "sisters" insert "half-sisters and legally-adopted daughters."

OPENING CEREMONY.

We most cordially recommend the adoption of the form of opening and closing ceremony as submitted by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and exemplified at this General Grand Chapter.

ADVISORY OPINIONS.

Decisions Nos. 3, 4, 31 and 48 are by instructions of this General Grand Chapter placed under the above heading in this report, and as such are approved by this Grand Body.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S REPORT.

Your committee has been seriously inconvenienced and put to much unnecessary delay and annoyance by not being able to secure a copy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron's report until after it was read by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and referred to and reported back by the Committee on Distribution, and passed from one committee to another, finally reaching this committee at the close of the second day's session of this General Grand Chapter. We would, therefore, most earnestly recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That hereafter all the officers of this General Grand Chapter, whose duty it is to report in writing, be required to have such report prepared, printed, and in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for distribution to the several committees, at least two days before the convening of the General Grand Chapter.

Your committee cannot find a law and know of no authority, either express or implied, authorizing the Most Worthy Grand Patron to waive jurisdiction in any case. Your grand constitution clearly states the duties and powers of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and also makes the Most Worthy Grand Matron the executive officer.

We find that your Most Worthy Grand Patron has exceeded his authority and would offer the following resolution in order to cover the cases in question:

Resolved, That the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron be authorized and directed to issue a proclamation legalizing the

action of our Most Worthy Grand Patron, in granting a waiver of jurisdiction to the Chapters in Michigan and Indiana.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In regard to the recommendation of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary at the close of her report, we approve the same and recommend the following:

"Chapters so organized shall work under dispensation for at least sixty days, when the deputy shall return the petition for Charter, with a full report of the work of the Chapter. If said report be favorable, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall issue a charter, bearing the names of *all members* who were present at the organization, together with those whose names appeared on the books at the date of petition for the charter.

All charters issued by the General Grand Chapter shall be inscribed in the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary."

All of which we most respectfully submit,

HARRISON D. ROWE.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES.

Committee.

The recommendation of the committee on the actions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron regarding official acts, recognition of Grand Chapters, special deputies, approval of by-laws, amendments to by-laws and special dispensations, were adopted.

The recommendations of committee approving decisions Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, was adopted.

Decision No. 18 was adopted after the erasure of the words "a Past Matron, if one be present."

On motion of S. Penrose Williams, decision No.

22 was directed to be eliminated from the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

On motion of Nathaniel A. Gearhart at this time, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock to-morrow morning. The Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING.

FRIDAY, Sept. 30th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at eight o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the Morning Session open for business.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was resumed.

The recommendation of the committee approving decisions Nos. 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 49 of the Most Worthy Grand Matron were adopted.

No. 25 was adopted with the following amendment to the "Answer":

"Provided the brother or sister presented themselves within three months."

The answer to No. 45 was amended at the request of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, so as to read:

"The ceremonial of our ritual is, I believe, intended for the sisters only. Still, if a brother or his family should request the Eastern Star burial service, the words should be transposed to meet the occasion."

Mr. Brown moved as a substitute to this answer,

that it be "No, it is intended for sisters and brothers alike."

Mr. Brown's motion prevailed.

Brother Webster submitted the following at this time.

"Resolved, That all the opinions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron given in an answer to questions asked by Grand Officers, be placed in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, under the heading of "Advisory Opinions."

The resolution was adopted.

In accordance with this motion, decisions No. 3, No. 4, as amended by the committee, No. 31 and No. 48 were placed under this heading in the report of said committee and adopted as advisory opinions.

The recommendations of the committee amending decisions Nos. 9, 26 and 29 was adopted.

The recommendation of the committee eliminating decisions Nos. 34, 35, 36 and 37 from the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was adopted.

The report of the committee thus far, and the actions thereon, was endorsed as a whole and adopted as amended.

The report of the committee approving recommendations Nos. 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was adopted.

The recommendation of the committee approving recommendations Nos. 2, 4 and 7 of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was not concurred in.

Recommendation No. 6 was, on motion of Joseph W. Hill, adopted as a decision of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Recommendation No. 8, having been referred by the committee to the General Grand Chapter for action, Mr. Williamson moved to amend the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, by insert-

ing after the words "duly qualified," the words "provided, however, that the obligation shall be administered by a brother."

The recommendations as thus amended was adopted.

The report of the committee recommending the elimination of No. 17 of the recommendations of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, except the financial portion which was referred to the Finance Committee, was adopted.

(Recommendation 13, being a matter for the Finance Committee, was not considered by the jurisprudence committee; No. 16 also was not considered by said committee, it being covered by the Committee on Unfinished Business.)

The resolution of the committee regarding "Higher Degrees" evoked by the discussion under that heading in the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was adopted.

The recommendations of the committee regarding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 under the heading "Ritual" in the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, were adopted.

Their recommendation regarding paragraph 4 of said heading was not concurred in.

"Questions submitted to the General Grand Chapter":

The recommendations of the committee on this head were not concurred in and the matter was directed to be eliminated from the printed proceedings and the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

OPENING CEREMONY.

Recommendation of the committee adopted.

The resolutions regarding the Most Worthy Grand

Patron's report were adopted with the exception of the *preamble* to the resolution, relative to printing the reports.

The recommendation of the committee regarding the recommendation contained in the report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, was referred back to said committee with instructions to give it a suitable place or number in the Articles of the Constitution. The committee did so, recommending the same to be known as Section 4 of Article XV. It was laid over until next session.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, and upon motion the same was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your committee on Appeals and Grievances, are happy to report that harmony seems to exist within our borders, as no appeals or grievances have been placed in the hands of your committee.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

MRS. LIBBIE J. DEMOREST.

MRS. SARAH B. HAGGARD.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Two members of the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report; the Chairman, Harrison D. Rowe, not concurring therein.

Respecting the subject of the Most Worthy Grand Patron sending our obligation to a Master Mason in West Virginia, to be by him given to Mr.—— in the presence of the Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge.

The Master Mason, the Master of the Lodge, nor the Master Mason to whom our obligation was given, were not members of our Order.

We can find no law sustaining such an act.

Respectfully submitted,

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES.

On motion, consideration of this report of the committee was indefinitely postponed.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following, and the recommendations of the committee were upon motion adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter :

*Sisters and Brothers :—*The Committee on Finance approve the bills for expenses incurred in attending this session of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and recommend the payment of same. Itemized bills are herewith presented, bill of Most Worthy Grand Matron, \$233.35; bill of Most Worthy Grand Patron, \$53.52.

We recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars to pay rent of the hall for this session.

We recommend an appropriation of twenty-five dollars, as compensation for the Worthy Grand Sentinel.

We recommend an appropriation of thirty dollars as compensation for the stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALDEN BLOSSOM.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Harrison D. Rowe, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, and upon motion the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully considered the resolution introduced by Past Grand Patron, James B. Merritt, with reference to amending our ritual, by striking out the eighth and ninth lines on page 60, and would recommend the said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON D. ROWE.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Alfred G. Pinkham offered the following, and upon motion the same was laid over till next session.

Resolved, That the constitution be amended by changing the number of Art. XVII, making it Art. XVIII, and by adding a new Article to be known, as Art. XVII, as follows:

Art. XVII. Mileage. Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Delegates attending the sessions of the General Grand Chapter be allowed mileage at the rate of 2 cents per mile one way, for all distances in excess of 500 miles from the place of holding said sessions.

Provided, That no one shall receive mileage as an Officer or Member of a Standing Committee, except those regularly chosen.

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED G. PINKHAM.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

L. Cabell Williamson offered the following, and upon motion the same was laid over till next session.

Resolved, That the constitution be amended by striking out of Art. VII, Sec. II.

Fraternally submitted,

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

INVITATION.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe presented the following, which was referred to the first five officers, with a favorable recommendation.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

In the year 1901 this Grand Body will have been in existence twenty-five years and as its birthplace was in Indianapolis, what more fitting place to hold that session?

The grand officers and members present from the Grand Chapter of Indiana, cordially invite you to that city for the next Triennial Session. We are not so fortunate as our good sisters and brothers of the District as to possess a Treasury Department, a Patent and Pension Bureau and many other points of great interest to the visitors here assembled, but we will give you a hearty welcome should you decide to come.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LIZZIE J. SMYTHE,

Grand Matron.

ADDRESSES.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

S. Penrose Williams, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted the following report, and upon motion the recommendations were concurred in.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your committee is of the opinion that much that is contained in the addresses might with propriety be omitted from the printed proceedings, and they, therefore, beg leave to submit the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That all matters in the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron having reference to the organization of Subordinate Chapters, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be directed to cause to be printed with the proceedings of the present session, the names of Chapter, its location, the names of the Officers and Deputy, together with the dates of Charter and Organization, and omit all further details of organization.

Resolved, That all matters contained in said address pertaining to the organization of a proposed Chapter at Mason, West Virginia, be omitted from the printed proceedings.

Resolved, That all matters contained in said address having reference to the question of the formation of Grand Chapters in the States of Louisiana and Maryland, be omitted from the printed proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

MRS. MATTIE. P. BARNEY.

MRS. JENNIE E. BRADLEY.

GREETING.

The following telegram was read and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the same.

ADRIAN, Mich., Sept. 29th 1898.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE, Most Worthy Grand Matron,
Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

The National Council of Women of the United States extends greeting to the Grand Body of the Eastern Star, and a cordial invitation to affiliate with the National Council of Women, and hopes for favorable consideration by the General Grand Chapter now in session, but if not to send fraternal delegate to Council's Omaha meeting last week of October.

LOUISE BARNUM ROBBINS,

Corresponding Sec'y Natl. Council of Women.

GREETING.

The following was read from John M. Mayhew, Past Grand Patron of New Jersey, who presided at the organization of the General Grand Chapter, November 16th, 1876. The letter was ordered printed and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary directed to make suitable acknowledgment.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 27th, 1898.

SISTER MARY E. PARTRIDGE,

Most Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S.

It is with great regret that I am obliged to deny myself the extreme pleasure of meeting yourself and other dear friends of the General Grand Chapter, but circumstances have at the last moment compelled me to do so, as I have been expecting to be with you. I often think of the time I had the extreme pleasure of presiding over the convention, that brought into existence the General Grand Chapter, and have often wished to be with them in their Triennial Sessions.

You have chosen a most beautiful city, and at the most beautiful part of the year in which to meet. I trust that the many interesting sights of our Nation's Capitol that you may visit, will make a lasting impression on your memory.

May your legislation be for the best interest of our Order, and its growth largely increased by the transactions of your honorable body.

Remember me kindly to all who may be with you that I may know, and I remain

Yours fraternally,

JNO. M. MAYHEW.

On motion of Joseph W. Hill, the Committee on Finance was instructed to report certain amounts which may be expended by the General Grand Chapter officers for the ensuing term.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Mrs. Elizabeth Magee submitted the following, which was laid over until next session.

Resolved, That Sec. 3, Art. 10, and Sec. 5, Art. 11 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows :

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurers shall give bonds to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in some good reliable indemnifying company, the expense of said bonds to be borne by the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELIZABETH MAGEE.

Upon motion of Frank A. Brown, the General Grand Chapter decided to call off at 12:30 o'clock until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

RESOLUTION.

L. Cabell Williamson presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

"Resolved, That all officers and members of this General Grand Chapter in actual attendance at this session, be allowed mileage at the rate of three cents one way, for all distances traveled in excess of five hundred miles.

Provided, That no mileage be paid in two capacities, and

Provided further, That said payment is not to be used as a precedent for any future action of this General Grand Chapter, as it is the sense of this body that mileage should not be paid in the future."

MEMORIAL.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee to which was referred the Memorial from Texas, submitted the following, and upon motion the report was concurred in:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter :*

The committee to which was referred the Memorial from the Grand Chapter of Texas, has given the same such consideration as opportunity has afforded, and it begs to report that the present method of publishing the Ritual, and the unrestricted selling of the same to all members of the Order that may desire copies thereof, which prevails in many jurisdictions, and the partially restricted sale, which obtains in others, renders our Order only a semi-secret one, which must result in increasing injury to the Order in the eyes of the world generally and of the Masonic fraternity particularly. The action of some Grand Chapters in restricting the sale of the Ritual has resulted principally in a reduction of revenue to this body, without materially remedying the evil of publicity, and yet, if the present methods are continued, there is no doubt that other Grand Chapters will take steps to further restrict the sale of Rituals, which will result in a further reduction of revenue.

We believe, however, that the evil can be effectually checked, and the revenues of this body fully maintained by the publication of the Ritual containing only the Secret Work, in an edition of numbered copies, one of which shall be issued to each chapter and shall be and remain the property of the General Grand Chapter or Grand Chapter under which the chapter works, and the issuing of a Monitor of the Order, containing the General Regulations, the prayers, the star lectures, without the versicles, the scripture selections, the forms for installation of Chapter and Grand Chapter Officers and the funeral ceremonies, which can be sold indiscriminately to members of the Order through the Grand Secretaries, as the present Ritual is sold. This will require to some extent the revision of the present Ritual and its separate arrangement. We, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron to so revise and arrange the ritual that it may be printed in two volumes, one containing

only the secret work, and the other the balance of the ritual, and report to the next meeting of this body for primary action.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

FRANK A. BROWN.

WILLIAM F. KING.

MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK.

MRS. AUGUSTA D. WILSON.

FINANCE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, recommended the adoption of the resolution presented by L. Cabell Williamson, relative to mileage, and upon motion the recommendation of the committee was concurred in.

Nathaniel A. Gearhart was installed at this time as Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Mrs. Almer A. Piper was installed as Worthy Grand Electa, it being necessary for them to leave the city before the regular installation of officers.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Foreign Countries. Fred Ring of Wisconsin, Mrs. Maria A. Peirce of California and Mrs Hattie E. Ewing of Massachusetts.

At this time the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 7:30 o'clock this evening, the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING.

FRIDAY, September 30th, 1898.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and after prayer the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the Evening Session open for business.

THANKS.

Joseph W. Hill offered the following, which upon motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be extended to our sisters and brothers of the District of Columbia, for the kind reception and many courtesies extended to us on this occasion, and that we shall carry away with us only happy recollections of our visit to their beautiful city.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. HILL.

Willis D. Engle offered the following, at the request of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, which upon motion was adopted:

Whereas, Past Grand Matron, Alcena Lamond and Past Grand Patron, L. Cabell Williamson, have acted in behalf of

this body in arranging the details of this meeting and have rendered most efficient services to the committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered sister Alcena Lamond and brother L. Cabell Williamson.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

CHARTERS.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following, and upon motion the report was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Charters has carefully considered the matters referred to them, relative to Charters granted to the several Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, during the past three years, and respectfully present the following report:

The absence of all Subordinate Chapter Records and By-Laws, force your committee to base their finding of facts upon the reports of the M. W. Grand Patron and R. W. Grand Secretary, together with petitions for Charters.

So far as we are able to determine from this data, we find that the Charters granted by the M. W. Grand Patron were in accordance with former customs of the General Grand Chapter, we therefore recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Patron in granting said Charters, be approved by this body.

Also the action of the M. W. Grand Matron, in permitting Esther Chapter No. 1, of Difficult, Tennessee, to re-organize under the name of Esther Chapter No. 5, at Bagdad, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MADELEINE B. CONKLING.

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

MRS. ANNETTE H. HOOPER.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary referred to a Petition for Charter for a Chapter in Wyoming, as mentioned in the report of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and on motion of Joseph W. Hill the fee was ordered returned to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

PRESENTATION.

Mrs. Maria A. Peirce presented to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, of the District of Columbia, in behalf of the sisters and brothers from California, a beautiful souvenir spoon.

THANKS.

Harrison D. Rowe submitted the following resolution, which upon motion was concurred in:

We, the members of the Ninth Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., feeling a deep sense of appreciation of the hospitable and magnificent manner in which our sisters and brothers of the District of Columbia have received and entertained the members and visitors of this General Grand Chapter, and wishing to express in some small degree our appreciation, be it therefore

Resolved, That from our hearts we thank our sisters and brothers who have labored so lovingly and untiringly to make our visit a happy one. We thank you for the many courtesies and kindnesses so liberally bestowed. We feel that words but feebly express the fullness of our hearts. Such love and kindness as has been given us can come only from those who have learned the noble lessons of our Order: "We have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him," and in so doing have grown to love each other and especially our sisters and brothers of the beautiful city of Washington, and we thank Him who guided our footsteps to this sacred city, where such

true and noble sisters and brothers stood with out-stretched hands and open hearts to receive us.

And again we say "Thank you" and "God bless you."

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON D. ROWE.

William A. Blossom, from the Committee on Finance, made report, recommending the return of the \$20.00 fee to the Chapter in Mason, West Virginia, and upon motion the same was ordered.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill the Finance Committee was relieved from consideration of a fixed sum to be set apart for the use of the General Grand Officers, as it was the sense of the committee that they could come to no definite conclusions as to the amounts necessary.

MILEAGE.

William A. Blossom announced that he would make up the mileage for those who were entitled to it, living at the greatest distance, that the warrants could be paid at once, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to make up the rest and pay as before. The following members of the General Grand Chapter who were entitled, as provided for, have been paid mileage as follows:

N. A. Gearhart, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.....	\$22.44
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.....	8.10
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer	14.40
Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, V. W. Grand Chaplain.....	24.72
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, W. G. Conductress.....	54.06
Mrs. Laura B. Hart, W. G. A. Conductress.....	36.45
Mrs. Angeline Whitney, W. Grand Martha.....	23.04
Mrs. Martha D. Ross, W. Grand Warder	21.42
Mrs. Helen M. Farnsworth, W. Grand Marshal.....	21.60

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Alma C. Strong, Grand Matron	19.83
Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, proxy for A. Grand Matron.....	14.76

COLORADO.

Mrs. Lizzie B. Spryer, Grand Matron.....	39.45
Mrs. Mary Barry, Associate Grand Matron.....	38.58
Mrs. Mary E. Peirce, Past Grand Matron	38.58

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Grand Matron.....	8.10
Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Past Grand Matron.....	8.10

INDIANA.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe, Grand Matron	4.92
Irvin B. Webber, Past Grand Patron	4.83
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron	4.92
Edward W. Barrows, Associate Grand Patron	4.92
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Past Grand Matron.....	7.08
Mrs. Jennie Myerhoff, Past Grand Matron.....	8.40
Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Past Grand Matron.....	4.83
Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron	4.92

IOWA.

Mrs. Delia B. Meridith, Grand Matron.....	17.79
William H. Norris, Grand Patron	15.00
Mrs. Katie C. Brechner, proxy for A. Grand Patron..	16.41
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Past Grand Matron.....	18.00

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Past Grand Matron.....	34.41
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KANSAS.

Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Grand Matron	19.59
Mrs. Mary Pondexter, proxy for Grand Patron.....	21.60
Mrs. Elizabeth Magee, Past Grand Matron.....	22.74

E. W. Pondexter, Associate Grand Patron	21.60
Mrs. Emma W. Port, Past Grand Matron.....	26.04

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Grand Matron	3.57
William F. King, Grand Patron.....	2.88
Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds, proxy for A. G. Matron.	6.99

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Flora Adams Pattee, Grand Matron	20.16
Mrs. Mary E. Walker, proxy for A. Grand Matron ..	20.16
Miss Eleanor I. Young, proxy for A. Grand Patron ..	20.16
Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Past Grand Matron.....	20.16

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Mattie P. Barney, Grand Matron.....	17.61
H. M. Pettit, M. D., Past Grand Patron	18.15

MONTANA.

Cornelius Hedges, Past Grand Patron	54.06
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MAINE.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, proxy for Grand Matron...	.99
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NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Eva M. Baldwin, Grand Matron	31.62
Mrs. Helen H. Stires, Past Grand Matron.....	25.74
Rev. A. G. Pinkham, Past Grand Patron	19.59

OHIO.

Mrs. Mary G. Gladding, Grand Matron.....	.48
Mrs. Gertrude E. Williams, Past Grand Matron.....	.36

OREGON.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Grand Matron.....	83.97
Mrs. Margeret L. Lutke, Associate Grand Matron....	77.67

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Jennie E. Bradley, Grand Matron.....	37.53
Mrs. Laura E. Brown, proxy for Grand Patron.....	28.80
Robert F. Kerr, Associate Grand Patron	25.80
Frank A. Brown, Past Grand Patron.....	28.80

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Libbie J. Demarest, proxy for Grand Matron....	80.10
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WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Grand Matron	9.96
William A. Wyse, Grand Patron.....	13.83
Mrs. Elizabeth Little, Associate Grand Matron.....	13.38
Miss Annie Phillips, Past Grand Matron.....	13.23
Fred Ring, Past Grand Patron.....	16.23

WYOMING.

Mrs. Sarah A. Bristol, Grand Matron.....	45.12
Mrs. Lillian E. Townsend, proxy for Grand Patron ..	45.12

Total..... \$1433.85

Harrison D. Rowe, Grand Patron of California, declined to accept mileage, speaking for the entire delegation from that State.

INSTALLATION.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced her appointments, and the following officers were installed by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, as installing officer, with Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth acting as Worthy Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

L. Cabell Williamson, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

Alfred G. Pinkham, Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Mary E. Peirce, Worthy Grand Adah.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Worthy Grand Esther.

Mrs. Emogene Williams, Worthy Grand Martha.

Mrs. Alma C. Strong, Worthy Grand Warder.

Robert F. Kerr, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Florence G. McLean, Worthy Grand Organist.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mrs. Lena W. Lamb of Massachusetts presented to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, just installed, a cluster of beautiful flowers and a bon-bon spoon.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary received at the hands of Mrs. Mate L. Chester a cluster of La France roses, and Worthy Grand Esther a bouquet of white ones.

The Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress received, at the hands of Fred Ring of Wisconsin, flowers, beautiful flowers, with the "God Speed" of her jurisdiction.

The Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron was the recipient of two large baskets of flowers, one on behalf of Naomi Chapter, presented by Mrs. Anna V. Yeatman, and the other presented by Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy on behalf of the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Mary B. Okie presented the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron with a large bouquet of red and white roses on behalf of the District of Columbia.

L. Cabell Williamson gathered together a cluster of flowers by taking one from each cluster that had been presented, and presented this unique cluster to the Right Worthy Grand Conductress, who in turn presented one flower each from her cluster to those officers who had not received any.

THANKS.

The thanks of the General Grand Chapter was extended to Miss Alice Shreve, organist during the session and to William W. Wallace who acted during the installation services, to the members of the press of Washington City, to the retiring officers for their earnest work during the last three years, and to the Standing Committees for their unselfish devotion to the interests of the General Grand Chapter during this Session.

Mrs. Rachel L. Stiefel, of New York, extended thanks on behalf of her jurisdiction for the generous hospitality of the sisters and brothers of the District of Columbia, and to the members of the General Grand Chapter for their hearty welcome and courteous attention.

The minutes of all previous sessions, not approved, were read by the stenographer, William L. Boyden, and they were approved as read.

The entire General Grand Chapter then united in singing:

"God be with you, 'till we meet again."

No further business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Ninth Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting as provided for.



HATTIE E. EWING,
M. W. Grand Matron.

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pitkin.

R. W. Grand Secretary.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron failed to appoint the Committee on Ritual, as provided for by the report of the Committee on Memorial, before the closing of the Session of the General Grand Chapter, and as a matter of information the following Committee is hereby announced.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

MRS. LAURA B. HART.



State of New York
County of Westchester
ss. I, the undersigned,
a Notary Public in and for
the County of Westchester,
do hereby certify that the
within and foregoing is a
true and correct copy of
the original of the same
as the same appears from
the records of the County
of Westchester.





MRS. HATTIE E. EWING,

ORANGE, MASS.,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.







NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
DULUTH, MINN.,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.



In Memoriam.

David B. Durrington

**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Patron**

**General Grand Chapter
Order Eastern Star**

1880-1883.

**Past Grand Patron of Michigan.
Past Worthy Patron Coldwater Chapter No. 1.**

**Born in Truxton, N. Y., May 8, 1829.
Died in Coldwater, Mich., June 27, 1898.**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Jane Miller

Past Grand Matron
of the

Order Eastern Star
of Missouri.

Born in Jamestown, N. Y., March 15, 1836.
Died in St. Louis, Mo., November 20, 1897.

“Finished work! O! glorious foretaste!
Leaning then on Jesus’ breast!
Finished work! no tears, no sorrow,
But eternal, heavenly rest.”

In Memoriam.

Mrs. G. A. Matfield

Past Grand Matron

.... Order Eastern Star
of
California.

Born at Homer, Ohio, January 31, 1851.
Died in the City of Mexico, December, 29, 1897.

**"May the perfume of her beautiful life
be ever present with us and may we
emulate her virtues."**

In Memoriam.

H. W. Blake

Past Grand Patron

Order : Eastern : Star

**of
Minnesota.**

Born August 22, 1818.

Died August 31, 1898.

" After life's fitful dream he sleeps."

In Memoriam.

John A. Regnell,

Grand Patron
of the

... Order Eastern Star ...

of

Kansas

at the time of his death.

Born in Sweden, June 9th, 1850.

Died in Wichita, Kansas, May 1st, 1896.

"He has gone to the land of eternal delight,
In fields celestial to roam,
Though our aching hearts throb and the tears
dim our eyes, [skies,
We know the bright angels who dwell in the
Are glad to welcome him home."

In Memoriam.

Herman G. Carter

**Initiated and became Charter Member
and first Worthy Patron of**

Floral Chapter No. 28

**New York City,
Sept. 21, 1871.**

**Was Worthy Patron 1871 to 1878. .. Appointed Grand
Lecturer 1873. .. Elected Associate-Grand Patron 1874.
Grand Patron 1875.**

Died December 6, 1895.

Honored and well beloved.

**"A Mason, true and good.
Sincere in friendship, gentle in
Sympathy and kind in grief."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Julia Abraham

Past Grand Matron
of
Oregon.

Born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., July 11, 1834.

Died October 6, 1897, at her home in Roseburg, Oregon.

SISTER ABRAHAM

received the Eastern Star degrees at the organization of Roseburg Chapter No. 8, by the General Grand Chapter, Jan. 26, 1886, and was unanimously elected first Worthy Matron of that Chapter. She assisted in the organization of the Grand Chapter and was present at every communication except one; was the first Associate Grand Matron, and the second Grand Matron; served as chairman of several committees, and her opinions were always forceful and weighty.

“Beautiful toiler, thy work all done,
Beautiful soul into glory gone,
Beautiful life with its crown now won,
God giveth thee rest.”

In Memoriam.

Richard F. Dunn

Past Grand Patron

Order : Eastern : Star
of
Missouri.

Born in Sound Brook, N. J., August 26, 1832.

Died in St. Petersburg, Florida, December 1, 1897.

**"Lost is the daily light of mutual smile,
You therefore sorrow now a little while;
But floating down life's dimmed and lonely aisle,
Comes the clear music: 'Most blessed forever!'"**

In Memoriam.

J. Ira Brown

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star..
of
Kansas.

Born in Strasburg, Vermont, February 23, 1831.
Died in Topeka, Kansas, November 19, 1897.

**"To this Sir Knight, Dear Son of Light,
Our Testimony stands—his work is done.
Yours be the Honor, as is just and right!
Be all your jewels bright, your apron ever
white."**

**"Then shall our loving thoughts to him be
given
Ever faithful and true, he rests in Heaven."**

In Memoriam.

J. H. Noble

Past Grand Patron

Order : Eastern : Star
of
Minnesota.

Born August 18, 1833.
Died March 15, 1897.

**" He is not dead to us, he cannot die.
His memory so with ours being blent ;
Although ascended to the loftiest sky,
His soul with ours has still communion lent."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. M. C. Fenton

Past Grand Matron
of the

Order Eastern Star
of
Washington.

Born July 28, 1857.
Died May 5, 1897.

"Dear is the spot where Christians sleep,
And sweet the strain which Angels pour,
O, why should we in anguish weep?
She is not lost, but gone before."

In Memoriam.

John Van Buren Greene

Became a Member
of

Floral Chapter No. 28

New York, April 12, 1890.

Elected Worthy Patron 1891. Grand Lecturer of the
Grand Chapter 1893. Associate Grand
Patron 1894 and Grand Patron 1895, which
position he held when he

Died March 17, 1896.

Time laid his hand upon him gently, not smitingly,
but as a Harper lays his open palm upon his Harp
to deaden its vibrations.

In Memoriam.

**Fraternally and Affectionately Dedicated
to the Memory
of Brother...**

Howell D. Ricks

Past Worthy Grand Patron

**Order Eastern Star
of
Illinois.**

Past Patron of Haslemere Chapter No. 221, Taylorville.

Departed this life January 11, 1898.

**"So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering around his head;
Be comforted, ye loved who weep,
He lives with God; he is not dead."**

In Memoriam.

Eugene B. Dyke

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star..
of
Iowa.

Grand Secretary 1882-1893.

One of the eleven who organized
the Grand Chapter of Iowa in
Cedar Rapids, July 30, 1878.

Born in Oswego County, N. Y., January 11, 1842.
Died in Charles City, Iowa, October 29, 1897.

"To live in hearts we leave
behind is not to die."

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Victoria Little

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Minnesota.

Born September 13, 1850.

Died June 11, 1896.

In Memoriam.

James M. Harkey

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of Arkansas.

Died September 28, 1897.

**"There is no death, an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.
And bears our best loved ones away,
And then we call them dead."**

In Memoriam.

Fraternally and Lovingly Inscribed to
the Memory
of Brother

John F. Dickenson

Past Worthy Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Illinois.

Past Patron of Evangeline Chapter No. 52, Erie.

Entered into rest May 22, 1898.

"Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string,
Is set in Friendship's crown above.
As narrower grows the earthly chain,
The circle widens in the sky,
These are our treasures that remain
But those are stars that beam on high."

In Memoriam.

Herman G. Reynolds

**First Grand Patron
...of...**

Kansas, 1876.

Died at Blue Rapids, Kans., Dec. 31, '91.

**First of the twenty-two Grand Patrons
to cross the Dark River.**

**"All thy foundations are of precious stones,
Where Saints and Martyrs blend in joyous tones,
Great triumph songs of glory and of rest,
City of many mansions; 'tis in thee
Mine elder Brother keeps a place for me."**

CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson.
Corona Chapter No. 2, Corona.
Ruth Chapter No. 3, Lewisburg.
Fellowship Chapter No. 4, Fellowship.
Florence Chapter No. 5, Florence.
Golden Rule Chapter No. 6, Trussville.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs.
Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka.
Tropical Chapter No. 3, Bartow.
Inverness Chapter No. 4, Inverness.
Live Oak Chapter No. 5, Daytona.
Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford.
Dolorres Chapter No. 7, New Smyrna.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion.

Martha Chapter No. 3, Hahira.
Ruth Chapter No. 4, Harmony.
Jule Foster Chapter No. 5, Darien.
Electa Chapter No. 6, Atlanta.
Doric Chapter No. 7, Cohutta.
Reba-May Chapter No. 8, Woodbine.
Tilton Chapter No. 9, Tilton.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City.
Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello.
Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion.
Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City.
Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston.
Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City.
Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow.
Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace.
Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11, Grangeville.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Cœur d'Alene.
Laurel Chapter No. 13, Lewiston.
Esther Chapter No. 14, Blackfoot.

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven.
Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton.
Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green.
Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, London.
Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel.
Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion.
Mount Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mount Vernon.
Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton.
Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup.
Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg.
Lorraine Chapter No. 12, Owenton.
Bardwell Chapter No. 13, Bardwell.

Silver Star Chapter No. 14, Morehead.
Bristow Chapter No. 15, Erlanger.
Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove.
Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton.
Martha Pitman Chapter No. 18, Pittsburg.
Ruth Chapter No. 19, Station Point.
Webb Chapter No. 20, New Castle.

LOUISIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, New Orleans.
Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welsh.
Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville.
Mount Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mount Carmel.
St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph.
Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe.
Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City.
Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas.
Harmony Chapter No. 9, Coushatta.
Evangeline Chapter No. 10, Farmerville.
Good-Intent Chapter No. 13, Kentwood.
Gordy Chapter No. 14, Ruston.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore.
Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Hagerstown.
Baltimore Chapter No. 4, Baltimore.
Concordia Chapter No. 5, Baltimore.
Pentalpha Chapter No. 6, Savage.
Ruth Chapter No. 7, Hyattsville.
Monumental Chapter No. 8, Baltimore.
Mizpah Chapter No. 9, Frederick.

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven.
Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Long Beach.

Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Macomb City.
Water Valley Chapter No. 5, Water Valley.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton.
Ransford Chapter No. 2, East Las Vegas.
Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City.
Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown.
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque.
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Deming.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.
Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City.
Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling.
Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vances Chapter No. 2, Vances.
Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg.
Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood.
Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville.
Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga.
McKinnon Chapter No. 3, McKinnon.
Wayland Springs Chapter No. 4, Wayland Springs.

Esther Chapter No. 5, Bagdad.
Olive Leaf Chapter No. 6, Dickson.
Rock City Chapter No. 7, Nashville.
Hurricane Chapter No. 8, Hurricane.
Elmwood Chapter No. 9, Elmwood.
Amanda Chapter No. 10, Crossville.

VIRGINIA.

Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock.
Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg.
Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah.
Botetourt Chapter No. 4, Gloucester.
Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray.
Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni.
Magdeline Chapter No. 7, Stanley.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma C. Strong, Silex.
Grand Patron, Geo. Thornburgh, Little Rock.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins, Mabelvale.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Maria A. Peirce, Oakland.
Grand Patron, J. M. Lawrence, M. D., Los Angeles.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kate J. Willats, San Francisco.

COLORADO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie B. Spreyer, Canon City.
Grand Patron, Newton D. Owen, Central City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, Colorado Springs.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, Washington.
Grand Patron, Wm. E. Nalley, Brightwood.
Grand Secretary, Chas. L. Patton, Washington.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. May Chapman, Vienna.

Grand Patron, J. J. Crowder, Peoria.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Chicago.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Grand Patron, W. H. Glasscock, Bloomington.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Matron, Miss Malda M. Charles, Checotah.
Grand Patron, Wm. I. Eagleton, Guthrie, O. T.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Guthrie, O. T.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary B. Rathbun, Clinton.
Grand Patron, Wm. H. Norris, Manchester.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Kansas City.
Grand Patron, Albert Sarbach, Holton.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottawa.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Orange.
Grand Patron, Wm. W. Wallace, Springfield.
Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Northville.
Grand Patron, Wm. F. King, Adrian.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Flora A. Pattee, Minneapolis.
Grand Patron, Wm. B. Patton, Duluth.
Grand Secretary, Miss Eleanor I. Young, St. Paul.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary S. Russell, Pleasant Hill.

Grand Patron, C. L. McDonald, St. Louis.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis.

MONTANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Amelia Hindson, Helena.

Grand Patron, Squire C. Kenyon, Bozeman.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elva Boardman, Butte.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Eliza B. Douglass, Lisbon Falls.

Grand Patron, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eva M. Baldwin, North Platte.

Grand Patron, David B. Howard, Lincoln.

Grand Secretary, Dr. Eleanor Dailey, Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Almer A. Piper, Manchester.

Grand Patron, Chas. G. Kimball, Derry.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, Epping.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ida M. Lacey, Wahpeton.

Grand Patron, David M. Holmes, Grand Forks.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Florence M. Hoskins, Bismark.

OHIO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie M. Walton, Shiloh.

Grand Patron, J. M. Stull, Warren.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Marysville.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Prineville.

Grand Patron, L. M. Davis, Portland.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Crocker, Ashland.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Strachen, Susquehanna.
Grand Patron, Chas. Schumaker, Pittston.
Grand Secretary, Geo. W. Gleason, M. D., Susquehanna.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah E. Ballou, Providence.
Grand Patron, Fred W. Arnold, Woonsocket.
Grand Secretary, S. Penrose Williams, Providence.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie E. Bradley, Hot Springs.
Grand Patron, Geo. W. Snow, Sioux Falls.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Ree Alvord, Fort Worth.
Grand Patron, N. M. Karney, San Antonio.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, San Antonio.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. F. G. McLane, Spokane.
Grand Patron, H. L. Kennan, Spokane.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Tacoma.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Racine.
Grand Patron, Wm. A. Wyse, Reedsburg.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

Grand Matron, Mrs. S. A. Bristol, Casper.
Grand Patron, D. C. Abrahms, Laramie.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura E. McGrath, Casper.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

NOT CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Clara M. Georgia, Unionville.
Grand Patron, Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Amelia E. Leeds, New Haven.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Emma Selnow, Jersey City.
Grand Patron, Robert J. Aljoe, Elizabeth.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Martin, Paterson.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Miss Daisy M. Butterick, New York City.
Grand Patron, Frank Raymond, Syracuse.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Christiana Butterick, New York
City.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary L. Paine, Windsor.
Grand Patron, J. H. McCloud, Hardwick.
Grand Secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

Who are not Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Connecticut	August 11, 1874	October	40	2,109
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	September	23	1,088
New York	November 8, 1870	June	121	8,490
Vermont	November 12, 1873	June	34	2,471
			217	14,968

Elective Officers of the General Grand Chapter since its Organization.

	MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.	MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.
1876. 1878. 1880. 1882. 1884. 1886. 1888. 1890. 1892. 1894. 1896. 1898.	Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Illinois. Mrs. Emma Foley, Missouri. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Iowa. Mrs. Mary A. Flint, California. Mrs. Nettie E. Hunsford, Indiana. Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas. Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.	Rev. John D. Vinell, Missouri. *Thomas M. Lamb, Massachusetts. Willis Brown, Kansas. Rollo C. Gaskill, California. Jefferson S. Conover, Michigan. Benjamin Lynds, Missouri. James R. Donnell, Arkansas. H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan. Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota.
	MOST WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.	MOST WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.
1876. 1878. 1880. 1882. 1884. 1886. 1888. 1890. 1892. 1894. 1896. 1898.	Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Indiana. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, California. *Mrs. Lucinda Smith, New Jersey. Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Nebraska. Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas. Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.	*Jeremiah E. Whitner, California. Willis Brown, Kansas. *David B. Furlington, Michigan. B. R. Rose, Michigan. Benjamin Lynds, Missouri. James R. Donnell, Arkansas. H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan. Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota. L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.
	MOST WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.	MOST WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.
1876. 1878. 1880. 1882. 1884. 1886. 1888. 1890. 1892. 1894. 1896. 1898.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.	John M. Mayhew, New Jersey. John M. Mayhew, New Jersey. Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa. John R. Parson, Missouri. John R. Parson, Missouri. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
	MOST WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS.	MOST WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS.
1884. 1886.	Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Montana. Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oregon.	Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas. Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.

*Deceased.

OPENING CEREMONY

FOR THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

=====

ADOPTED 1898.

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When the hour for opening has arrived, the officer designated by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, "who shall be a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, if one be present, or Past Most Worthy Grand Patron" will instruct the officers to retire to the anti-room, after which the officer will call the General Grand Chapter to order by one stroke of the gavel and make the following announcement:

P. M. W. G. M.—Sisters and Brothers: It is the will of our Most Worthy Grand Matron that this assembly be in order for the reception of the Officers of this General Grand Chapter: Worthy Grand Marshal and Worthy Grand Organist, you will assume your respective stations.

P. M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Marshal, you will invite the Most Worthy Grand Matron and other Officers to enter the General Grand Chapter room.

(Music.)

The Worthy Grand Marshal will retire, take her position at the right of the Chaplain, when the officers will enter in two files, led by the Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, as follows:

(Calls up the General Grand Chapter.)

R. W. G. Conductress.	R. W. A. G. Conductress.
Worthy Grand Marshal.	Worthy Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Grand Secretary.	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Worthy Grand Adah.	Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Ruth.	Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Warder.	Worthy Grand Esther.
R. W. A. G. Matron.	R. W. A. G. Patron.
M. W. Grand Patron.	M. W. Grand Matron.

P. M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron will advance through the star, the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the left, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the right of the altar; and when opposite the Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress these officers will step forward and conduct them to the east—when the gavel will be handed to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—The officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seats the General Grand Chapter.)

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder.
W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—You will see that the doors are secure.

W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

R. W. A. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—You will ascertain if all present are members of the Order and entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter.

R. W. A. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

(The Conductresses will proceed as per Ritual page 17.)

R. W. A. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order and entitled to seats in this Grand Body.

M. W. G. M.—It is well. Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

R. W. G. S.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Is there a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented to form a quorum?

R. W. G. S.—There is.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder.

W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—You will instruct the Worthy Grand Sentinel to allow no interruption, while we are engaged in the ceremonies of opening the General Grand Chapter.

(Worthy Grand Warder informs Worthy Grand Sentinel and reports.)

(Most Worthy Grand Matron calls up the officers.)

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

R. W. A. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What number of officers constitute the General Grand Chapter, and what titles do they bear?

R. W. A. G. M.—A complete General Grand Chapter requires eighteen, and their titles are: Most Worthy Grand

Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Chaplain, Worthy Grand Marshal, Worthy Grand Adah, Worthy Grand Ruth, Worthy Grand Esther, Worthy Grand Martha, Worthy Grand Electa, Worthy Grand Warder, Worthy Grand Sentinel and Worthy Grand Organist.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Worthy Grand Sentinel's station?

R. W. A. G. M.—Outside the closed door.

M. W. G. M.—What is his duty?

R. W. A. G. M.—To protect the General Grand Chapter against the intrusion of improper persons.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Worthy Grand Warder's station?

R. W. A. G. M.—At the south-west entrance of the General Grand Chapter.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder.

W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

W. G. W.—To act in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Sentinel, and allow none to enter or retire from the General Grand Chapter, without permission of the presiding officer.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress' station?

W. G. W.—In the north.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

R. W. A. G. C.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. A. G. C.—To assist the Right Worthy Grand Conductress in the discharge of her official duties.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Grand Conductress' station?

R. W. A. G. C.—In the south.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

R. W. G. C.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. G. C.—To ascertain that all present are members of the Order, and entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties as may properly belong to my office.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's station?

R. W. G. C.—In the south-east.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

R. W. G. S.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. G. S.—To make proper record of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, conduct its correspondence, receive all monies belonging to the General Grand chapter and pay them to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, taking her receipt therefore, and render an account of my official transactions to the General Grand Chapter.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer's station?

R. W. G. S.—In the north-east.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

R. W. G. T.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. G. T.—To receive all monies from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, giving my receipt therefore, and pay them out only on proper authority, and render an account of my official transactions to the General Grand Chapter.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Worthy Grand Chaplain's station?

R. W. G. T.—In the north-east, at the right of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Chaplain.

W. G. C.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

W. G. C.—To conduct the devotional exercises of the General Grand Chapter.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Worthy Grand Marshal's station?

W. G. C.—In the south-east, at the left of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Marshal.

W. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

W. G. M.—To conduct and proclaim the officers at the time of installation and to perform such other duties as pertain to my office.

M. W. G. M.—Where is Worthy Grand Adah's station?

W. G. M.—At the first point of the star.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Adah.

W. G. A.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Have you a sign?

W. G. A.—I have, it is given by...., and the pass is....

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Worthy Grand Ruth's station?

W. G. A.—At the second point of the star.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Ruth.

W. G. R.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Have you a sign?

W. G. R.—I have, it is given by...., and the pass is....

M. W. G. M.—Where is Worthy Grand Esther's station?

W. G. R.—At the third point of the star.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Esther.

W. G. E.—Most Morthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Have you a sign?

W. G. E.—I have, it is given with...., and the pass is....

M. W. G. M.—Where is Worthy Grand Martha's station?

W. G. E.—At the fourth point of the star.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Martha.

W. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Have you a sign?

W. G. M.—I have, it is given by . . . , and the pass is

M. W. G. M.—Where is Worthy Grand Electa's station?

W. G. M.—At the fifth point of the star.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Electa.

W. G. E.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Have you a sign?

W. G. E.—I have, it is given by . . . , and the pass is

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron's station?

W. G. E.—In the west, at the left of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

R. W. A. G. P.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. A. G. P.—To assist the Most Worthy Grand Patron and in his absence assume the duties of his office.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron's station?

R. W. A. G. P.—In the west.

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

R. W. A. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is your duty?

R. W. A. G. M.—To assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and preside over the General Grand Chapter in her absence.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Most Worthy Grand Patron's station?

R. W. A. G. M.—At your left.

M. W. G. M.—What is his duty?

R. W. A. G. M.—To preside over the General Grand Chapter when requested to do so by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and to perform such official acts as are prescribed in the constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

M. W. G. M.—Where is the Most Worthy Grand Matron's station?

R. W. A. G. M.—In the east, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—What is her duty?

R. W. A. G. M.—To preside at the meetings of the General Grand Chapter, see that its business is properly conducted and secure obedience to the rules and regulations of the Order.

M. W. G. M.—All of which duties I am under obligation to perform with justice and impartiality, in view of which I ask the kind co-operation of the officers and members here assembled. That we may have the needed grace to do our work well, let us unite in prayer.

(Calls up the General Grand Chapter.)

(Prayer by Chaplain, as provided in the Ritual page 29.)

(Members respond, "So may it ever be.")

M. W. G. M.—Let us unite in singing an Opening Ode.

(Singing.)

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Right Worthy Grand Conductress attends at the altar.)

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the General Grand Chapter duly opened.

W. G. M.—By direction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star duly opened for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder, you will so instruct the Worthy Grand Sentinel.

W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron, your instructions have been obeyed.

(Seats the General Grand Chapter.)

CLOSING,

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

R. W. A. G. M.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—Do you know of any further business to come before the General Grand Chapter at this time.

R. W. A. G. M.—There is none within my knowledge.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder.

W. G. W.—Most Worthy Grand Matron.

M. W. G. M.—You will inform the Worthy Grand Sentinel that we are about to close the General Grand Chapter and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

W. G. W.—Your order has been obeyed.

(Call up the General Grand Chapter.)

M. W. G. M.—Let us unite in singing a Closing Ode.

(Singing.)

(Prayer by Chaplain, as provided in the Ritual page 32.)

(Members respond, "So may it ever be.")

M. W. G. M.—Right Worthy Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Right Worthy Grand Conductress attends at the altar.)

M. W. G. M.—Sisters and Brothers: We go forth into the world not knowing what trials may await us in the journey of life. Let us not be dismayed, for our Heavenly Father has promised to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power. Farewell.

(Members respond "Farewell.")

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the General Grand Chapter duly closed.

W. G. M.—By direction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim theTriennial Session of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star duly closed.

M. W. G. M.—Worthy Grand Warder, you will so instruct the Worthy Grand Sentinel.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
General Grand Chapter of the Order
of the Eastern Star.

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AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 1898.
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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be:

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office, and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the juris-

diction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter, or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a state or territory where no Grand Chapter exists, which he or she represents.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in states or territories where less than five Chapters exist.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall have power to decide all questions of

Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 5. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 6. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work and Signet and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 7. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty day's notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, unless they shall have served as Grand Matron or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron or their

proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter, to form a new Chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess, which shall pay dues for the year in proportion to time organized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no Chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem*.

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters, and *shall* sign with the Most Worthy Grand Patron all circular letters authorizing the formation of Grand Chapters, also the notices of recognition, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and the Right Worthy Associate

Grand Patron, to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

SEC. 2. The actual traveling expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron when on necessary official business or in attendance at the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid by this General Grand Chapter upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but shall not apply to the expenses of said officers in visiting the several Grand Chapters.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary :

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and

pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report, also of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Rituals, Signets, Blanks and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of \$5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the

latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of \$5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by

the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and post-office address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is

no Grand Chapter, upon proper application; *provided*, no new Chapter shall be formed in any town where more than two Chapters exist, without the consent of a majority of all the Chapters in said town or city.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1 of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number of remaining members.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the following Standing Committees, of three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Subordinate and Grand Chapter represented.

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL
GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.* and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the offi-

cers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz. :

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to each member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action, and in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

DECISIONS

Approved by the

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

For the government of its Subordinate Chapters.
But not incorporated in the

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

From 1876 to 1898, inclusive.

It is lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do such portions of the work of conferring the degrees as will secure the best results.

A Mason, who is not a member of this Order, cannot be admitted to witness the secret work upon taking an obligation of secrecy. If such person has been so admitted in some state, and desires to join the Order, he can only do so by petitioning and receiving the degrees in due and regular form.—*M. W. Grand Patron Thomas M. Lamb, 1880.*

Payments of *per capita* tax of twenty-five cents on each member of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall commence January 1, 1884.

It is not proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter meetings, who are not members of our Order, and it should not be permitted.

The standing of a sister is not affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order. Nothing but her own misconduct affects her standing.

A person who has lost an arm cannot be received into our Order.
—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill, 1886.*

A person cannot hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any Subordinate Chapter.—*Most Worthy Grand Matron Jennie E. Mathews, 1886.*

The question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, is not properly subject to a ballot vote.

A ballot cannot be reconsidered under any circumstances.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Willis Brown, Page 9, Proceedings, 1883.*

The jewels of a Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon.

The jewels of the General Grand Chapter shall be the Grand Chapter jewels within a circle.—*Page 58, Proceedings, 1886.*

Each deputy appointed, to whom is given general powers, shall have a special jurisdiction assigned him.—*Page 50, Proceedings, 1886.*

The "Floral Work" or "Floral Addenda" is not prohibited if the candidate is fully instructed.—*Page 78, Proceedings, 1889.*

Deputies appointed to install officers of the General Grand Chapter must be members of said General Grand Chapter.—*Page 72, Proceedings, 1889.*

Persons not signing the petition for a charter can not be received as charter members at the organization of the Chapter.—*Page 72, Proceedings, 1889.*

Festal day of the Order, Robert Morris's birthday, August 31st.—*Page 22, Proceedings, 1880.*

Mothers, sisters and daughters of deceased Master Masons, who were affiliated and in good standing in a lodge at the time of their death, are eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star.—*Page 26, Proceedings, 1889.*

Sisters and daughters of Master Masons must be eighteen years of age to be eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover, Page 25, Proceedings, 1889.*

All members of the Order of the Eastern Star who are clear on the books and have no charges against them, and are not an installed officer, can demit upon written application.—*Page 73, Proceedings, 1889.*

The Worthy Matron has a right to ask an Officer who is present to fill another position *pro tem.*, but the records should show the regular Officer present, but acting *pro tem.* in another station.

A Dispensation is legal, although it does not bear the Seal.

All petitioners must be regularly initiated regardless of sex.

A ballot cannot be suspended while it is pending.—*Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Page 10, Proceedings, 1892.*

Sec. II., Art. II., of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter provides for one delegate, who shall be elected by the Chapter, but who may appoint a proxy, Credentials being furnished under Seal by the Secretary.

In the election of Officers, the minutes should only show the result of the final ballot.

A Worthy Patron cannot resign, to become a member of a new Chapter.

There is no such thing as "continued meeting." The By-Laws provide for regular meetings to be held on certain specified days, and all such meetings must open and close on said days.

"A two-thirds vote," means two-thirds of the members present.

In the election of honorary members, it is not necessary to have a petition referred, but the ballot should be unanimous.

An objection to a visitor *is* valid, should be made in open Chapter, cannot be extended beyond the meeting at which it is made, and no record should be made of it.

The Ritual of the Queen of the South and Amamanth Degree cannot be used in any Chapter in a jurisdiction under the General Grand Chapter.

The acts of a Subordinate Chapter are legal when not in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, although the By-Laws have not been submitted for approval, and the Chapter can amend them before being submitted.

It is necessary to install re-elected Officers, but they cannot be installed by proxy.

A Chapter may, by a majority vote, remit the dues of anyone of its members, which places the member clear on the books, and then a demit may be granted.

A Chapter may adopt a resolution, that all charter members not presenting themselves within a specified time for initiation, or their names will be dropped from the roll, but per capita tax must be paid on such members, and reported to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

The "Test Oath" should be taken by the visitor, repeating it after the Examining Committee and with the right hand on the Bible.

The veil at the point of Adah is used in most jurisdictions, but the veil for the Candidate is not used.

While the Conductress is placing the candidate in "proper position," the Worthy Patron should remain standing.

The whole of the opening ceremony must be used in called or special meetings.

The Worthy Patron shall have charge of the secret work if he is a regular attendant.—*M. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary C. Snrdden, Proceedings, 1895.*

The prayers are as much a part of the regular work as the lectures and cannot be changed, or others given in their place.—*Page 131, Proceedings, 1895.*

It is obligatory that a Floor Star be used.—*Page 132, Proceedings, 1895.*

That Special Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, for the purpose of organizing Chapters, may be either a sister or brother duly qualified, provided, however, that the obligation shall be administered by a brother.—*Page 155, Proceedings, 1898.*

That legally adopted daughters and half-sisters are included, and that they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of blood-relationship.—*Page 149, Proceedings, 1898.*

NOTICE.

Mrs. Mattie P. Barney, Grand Matron of Missouri, and Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Grand Matron of Illinois, returned their mileage, saying that their Grand Chapters provided for their expenses in attending the Session of the General Grand Chapter in Washington, District of Columbia, but too late to prevent the matter appearing, and in justice to these States this explanation is made.

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Proceedings

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in Tenth Triennial Session in Masonic Temple, in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, Tuesday morning, September 24th, 1901, at ten o'clock, and was called to order by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, who instructed the Worthy Grand Marshal to invite the officers to enter the General Grand Chapter room.

Grand Officers present :

MRS. HATTIE E. EWING, M. W. Grand Matron.
NATHANIEL A. GEARHART, M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. LAURA B. HART, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
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MRS. ALMER A. PIPER, Worthy Grand Electa.
ROBERT F. KERR, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
MRS. IDA E. JOSLIN, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Appointments were made to fill vacancies as follows:

MRS. ELIZA S. COHEN, Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. MARIA A. PIERCE, Worthy Grand Ruth.

REV. WILLIS D. ENGLE, Worthy Grand Chaplain.

MRS. JANE A. DIXON, Worthy Grand Warder.

MRS. SUSIE ROBB, Worthy Grand Organist.

F. W. King, Past Grand Patron of Michigan, presented the Most Worthy Grand Matron with a gavel made from wood grown from an apple tree planted by General Lewis Cass, first Grand Master of the *first* Grand Lodge of Masons in Michigan, in 1826.

Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, Past Grand Matron of Oregon, also presented a gavel, saying in part: "Edinburgh, Scotland, is one of the cradles of Masonry, and in olden times the Masonic brothers held some of their meetings in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. This gavel, Most Worthy Grand Matron, is made from three of the notes of the bells of this cathedral. There are twenty-three small music bells or set of eight chime bells, making the entire number of thirty-five bells in St. Giles. The music-bells are fitted on a frame, in the open or upper part of the spire and played by hand. These music bells date from 1698."

Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts, presented a bouquet, saying in part: "May these flowers breathe to you my love and esteem, the pride with which I have followed you during your administration, my wish that all good befortune you, and that every day some ray of light and love fall on your pathway."

To all of these presentations the Most Worthy Grand Matron replied in her own way, extending thanks for these beautiful gifts, expressions of love and confidence.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that credentials had been filed by a majority of the Grand Chapters.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form. Prayer by Rev. Willis D. Engle acting as Grand Chaplain, with Mrs. Susie Robb, acting as Grand Organist.

The song used in the opening was composed in honor of the Most Worthy Grand Matron by Mrs. Julia C. Tenney of Orange, Mass., and was sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

By instruction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, proclamation was made by the Worthy Grand Marshal that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was duly open for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Franc M. Nichols, Chairman of the General Grand Chapter Committee appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, introduced each of the several speakers, and spoke as follows:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and
Members of the General Grand Chapter:*

As your representative during the past year, I have endeavored to perform my every duty, and today I come before you with a visible record of work performed to the best of my ability.

Every call upon members and officers, of both city and state, has been responded to cordially, immediately and with zeal, and we come now to bid you so hearty a welcome to our hearts and homes that you will ever rejoice that you accepted the hospitality of Detroit and Michigan.

I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, who has served our State faith-

fully and well for two years as Worthy Grand Matron. She will bid you welcome in the name of the State.

WELCOME.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers, Members and Visitors of the General Grand Chapter:

To me has been assigned the honor as well as the pleasure of extending to you in behalf of the six Chapters of the city of Detroit, and the Grand Chapter of Michigan a most cordial and heartfelt welcome. We esteem it no small honor that you should have chosen our state, and this, our most beautiful city, as your place of meeting.

As we have assembled to review the labors of the past three years and formulate plans that may be for the best good of the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction, we earnestly believe that it is the wish of every member of this grand body that each and every act of our deliberations may show forth the true spirit of fraternity, based upon the lessons of the Great Teacher, and when this meeting shall have closed, may its members be able to say that this has been, as each succeeding one should be—the best of all.

When we recall the fact that the great Order of Freemasonry, having stood the crucial test of persecution during all the years that have intervened since its organization until the present time, that today in the fraternal world it occupies a position of greater honor and importance than ever before, we are encouraged to believe that our Order of the Eastern Star, the handmaid of masonry—founded upon the teachings of Holy Writ—must, like its noble ancestor, continue to flourish, until the

light of its stars shall illumine the whole earth, if its members are only true to its obligation and its teachings,—and if the influence of this meeting be such that shall inspire the heart of each one present to renew his vows and consecrate himself anew to the work—then it will not have been held in vain.

While we feel proud that we are honored by your presence, and glad in our hearts that you are with us today, it is our aim and most earnest desire that every moment of your stay among us may be so filled with pleasure and profit to you all that when this meeting is over and in the quiet of your own homes you live over in memory the scenes of these few days, may there be no shadow to dim its brightness, but, may your verdict be that the *welcome* extended to you by the (20,000) loyal members in Michigan has been honest and sincere, representing the true spirit of fraternity existing among its members.

While this is to us a season of delight in greeting old friends and making new acquaintances, yet 'neath the gloom and shadow of the heavy cloud of sorrow which overhangs this nation like a funeral pall, it seems but just and fitting, 'ere we join in the festivities of this gathering, that we as a grand body, tender our sympathies to her who mourns in her lonely home for the husband who cometh no more, and express our deep sorrow and personal loss for him, the leader of the forces of this nation, and our *indignation* and *contempt* for the human wretch who has dared to strike the cruel blow, which has robbed a good man of life, and brought grief and sorrow to the hearts of over seventy millions of people.

As a leader or chief magistrate, our late martyred President was one whom kings and princes

delighted to pay homage. As President, honored by every loyal citizen of this great Republic—as friend and neighbor, loved and respected by all. A credit to the good judgment of the people who choose him. One whose name will ever stand high in the annals of fame. As martyr—defender of his country—a true Christian—an honest man, and a devoted Mason.

One whose name the nation, for ages to come,
Forever will link with our loved Washington.
A name in the hearts of people enshrined,
More deeply and firmly than oak ivy-twined.
Ever like a fond mother the nation will weep,
And in loving remembrance her martyrs will keep.
This Republic be stronger for the years which he gave,
Ere he ceased from his labors to rest in the grave.

And at this time, as we mingle our tears in a common sorrow, let us be assured that down through the ages, with that of Washington, Lincoln, Garfield and Grant, emblazoned in letters of unfading lustre, will forever shine the name of "The Beloved One"—William McKinley.

In this our General Grand Chapter let us not forget that in some hearts there must be sorrowing for those who are not filling their accustomed places, for,

Some who have been wont to greet us,
In the days now past and gone,
Have laid down life's weary burden,
Passed to their eternal home.

But their influence ever lingers,
Bidding us to faithful be.
Trusting in that last reunion,
We each others face shall see.

It would illy become me at this time to speak in a boastful manner of the material wealth of the great State of Michigan. But when we remember that among the representatives here assembled are women and men from nearly every State of this great Republic, many of whom are with us for the first time, it is with a feeling of pride, pardonable I trust, that we speak to you of some of the resources that are ours and which we trust may be yours to enjoy.

Situated, as we are, almost midway between the old, great, conservative East, and the new, busy, hustling, bustling West, bounded upon the East and West and North by the three great fresh-water lakes of the world, our lake bound shores have become the Mecca towards which the weary wanderer from other lands turns in search of pleasure, rest, and health. Our universities, colleges, and schools are the boasted pride of every loyal citizen of this great commonwealth, and could you listen to the morning hymn of praise of the student or the gay rollicking song of the school boy methinks you would catch amid the strains of melody the sweet refrain of *Welcome, Welcome*.

Would you learn of our mining interests? Come with me to the copper region of the Upper Peninsula and if you are not too timid we will descend shaft No. 5, of the Tamarac mine, said to be the deepest vertical shaft in all the world and as you enter this subterranean world thousands of feet below the surface of the earth, you will find here men digging for the valuable ore whose sympathies are with those who are obliged to labor upon the surface of the earth, where the storms rage and the tempests roar, and by the dim glare of the lamp that overhangs the brow you will see upon the

faces of these hardy-handed sons of toil the most sincere smile of *Welcome*.

Are you followers of Isaak Walton? Come with me to our inland lakes and running streams and the finny beauties will tempt you in language all their own and bid you welcome.

You will doubtless visit the points of interest in and about our beautiful city to which you will be so cordially welcomed by our friend and brother, to whom your sympathies will be given; for through all these long years of his successful and prosperous business career, his must have been a lonely life. No baby fingers have ever clasped his neck, and whispered the sweet name of father. No wife to greet him on his returning home and share his troubles when weary and over-burdened with the cares and anxieties of municipal life. But let us hope that somehow or somewhere the light of some bright star may penetrate the darkness and gloom, and ever cheer the heart of Detroit's most popular mayor.

Would you know how Michigan cares for its unfortunate ones? All over this great State are homes built for those who need its fostering care, and among this number is one to which the members of the fraternity feel a pride, that of the Masonic Home in the city of Grand Rapids, where the aged, feeble, and infirm are cared for in the helplessness of their declining years. A monument to the practical demonstration of "brotherly love."

Would you question the bravery of our sons? Look to our records and you will find that whenever the flag has been assailed, or our country in danger, that Michigan has been among the *first* to send her "bravest forth to die," if need be, for home and country, and the flag, that dear old flag—

"That bears upon its folds of flame
To earth's remotest wave,
The names of men whose deeds of fame
Shall e'er inspire the brave."
"Timbers have crashed and guns have pealed
Beneath its ardent glow,
But never did that ensign yield
Its honor to a foe."
"Its stripes of red—eternal dyed
With heart-streams of all lands,"
Its white—the snow-capped hills that hide
In storm their upraised hands."
"Its blue—the ocean waves that beat
Round Freedom's circled shore.
Its stars—the prints of angels' feet
That shine forevermore."
The dear old flag still floats on high,
And waves o'er you and me,
And in a language all its own
A welcome waves to thee.

You will sail upon the waters of that delightful river that separates us from the possessions of the mother country and where England's proud emblem, the tri-colored old Union Jack, joins with our own starry banner in bidding you *welcome*, and then you will remember how a few months since *that* flag was draped in mourning, and all Europe bowed in sorrow because their Queen and friend had left them to join the great majority; she who as a child, on being told that she was the prospective heir to the throne of England, replied "I will be good." And though she is honored as one of the greatest of England's rulers, yet because of the goodness and true womanhood that characterized the years of her long reign, in the hearts of her subjects her memory

will be cherished most, because she *was* good. We may not be able to distinguish ourselves by our wonderful knowledge of parliamentary law, or by any great act that will bring us fame, but we can, like England's Queen, strive for goodness rather than greatness, for—

“Howe'er it be it seems to me
'Tis only noble to do good.”
“Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.”

We bring to you the keys of our state, our city, our chapter and our hearts. May they unlock every portal, and may no disappointment meet you as you enter. May our Father's loving care watch over you while in our midst, and bring you each in safety to your homes.

Thus—

My sisters and brothers, we bring you
A *welcome* most cordial and true,
And trust that in the same spirit
'Twill now be accepted by you.

To you from the far sunny Southland,
The land of the orange and rose,
Where Nature in wondrous profusion
The sweet charm of beauty bestows.

The land of bright sunshine and flowers
Of which Bard and Minstrel may sing,
That part of our own loved country
Where 'tis said that “Cotton is King.”

From land of the rushing Niagara,
Where our wondering eyes first saw light,
And childhood's bright hours unclouded
Passed quickly with time's rapid flight.

Flow on forever, Niagara!
 Bearing thy waves to the sea,
But to all who come from thy country
 A *welcome* most cordial to thee.

From stern rugged hills of New England,
 The land by the Pilgrims first trod,
Where they sang, mid storm and the tempest,
 In freedom their praises to God.

Where the writings of Lowell and Whittier
 Have made it immortal in song,
And whose name and whose fame will ever
 Increase as the years pass along.

From the home of our dear sister Ewing,
 She who has stood firm at the wheel,
And guided our bark o'er the waters
 Through sunshine and storm, woe or weal,

And anchored us safe in the harbor,
 And well earned her long-needed rest,
Our wish is, of Earth's many blessings,
 Her's be of the choicest and best.

From homes far beyond the wild Rockies,
 The huge, great backbone of the earth,
Where manhood and womanhood ever
 Are made the true standard of worth.

From the Golden Gate to the Northward,
 Wherever our flag is unfurled;
The standard of our beloved Order,
 Or from whate'er part of the world,

We bid you a *welcome*, thrice *welcome*,
 To State, to our hearts and our home,
And ask that our father, in kindness,
 Watch over and keep every one.

At last when life's sun nears its setting,
Life's duties and cares nearly done,
You enter upon that last journey
From whose bourne no traveler returns,

May you be the first to discover,
As nearing the beautiful shore,
And see mid the group standing waiting
Some loved one who's passed on before,

Some dear one for whom we have sorrowed,
Who, waiting with *welcoming* hand,
Will smilingly meet you and greet you
With *Welcome* to that better land.

And then over all and above all,
This message to each of you come
For the faithful performance of duty,
Well Done! Faithful Child, *Welcome Home!*

MAYOR'S WELCOME.

Hon. William C. Maybury, Mayor of Detroit, extended a welcome in behalf of the city, as follows:

After the very delightful address of welcome which has been delivered by our worthy sister, it seems as if I might leave the welcome that has warmed your hearts just where it is, but I am impelled to say one word of a personal nature. I thank my good sister for having so generously opened up the door of opportunity for me, as I could not possibly have done it for myself.

It has been said of me that I am better in talking to a congregation of ladies than to one; at least I think I have had greater success, and when the committee came and asked me if I would come and say a word of welcome to this Grand Chapter, I was afraid

the invitation might be withdrawn, and accepted at once for such opportunities are not to be avoided.

Now, my dear friends, you are indeed welcome to the city of Detroit, and when I say that, it is not a perfunctory word, to be used on all occasions, but a word to be used with sincerity, and more, it is with a feeling of thankfulness and gratitude that we welcome you, for no community can have assembled in its midst conventions of this character which are not very greatly benefitted and therefore we are grateful indeed to those who come. So when I say welcome, I say also, on behalf of this city and the people, we thank you and are your debtors.

This city has been often called a convention city, and such it is. There is scarcely a day from the early summer until late fall that we have not the pleasure of welcoming here conventions of ladies and gentlemen. We hear discussions ranging all the way from finance to the humblest occupation, including intellectual, social and religious questions. The wide range between the conventions held in Detroit is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that we had the Bankers on one day and the Embalmers and Undertakers on the next day.

Now, my dear friends, there is only one disturbing thing in Detroit, and we keep that on purpose because we know even harmony may at times become monotonous, and that when we see a placid lake we can scarcely resist the impulse of casting a pebble upon its surface to see it ripple. And so we keep one thing that requires a little attention, and that is our time. We have three times, and to one of these only do I ask you to pay especial attention.

The standard time is fixed by the railroads, and is twenty-eight minutes slower than the sun time, which is God's time and therefore our time; and as

Masons, believing that the Sun rules the day, we prefer to be ruled by the sun. The benefit of having time in that particular shape, my dear friends, is that when you come you come by railroad time, twenty-eight minutes slower; when you go away—if you must—you go by local time, and we have you twenty-eight minutes longer. But for you there is but one time, and that I am sure you are going to have here in Detroit, and that is a right royal time.

The thought uppermost in my mind as I listened to the delightful words of my good sister, speaking of the attendance of delegates here from all over this great country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, was the wonderful change which has come over the world even in the comparatively short period of my life, making these gatherings from these distant places possible.

Perhaps I can illustrate it best by referring to that beautiful story, written a few years ago, by Beatrice Harraden, entitled "Ships That Pass in the Night." She describes the ship that comes up in the night, away off in the darkness, just above the horizon. You see that light pass in the darkness; you wonder who are on that ship, from whence they come, whither going; and while thinking the light is gone, gone down in the darkness—the ship has passed.

You may have been in need; you may have been ship-wrecked; you may have pleaded for help that might be so easily extended, but it is only a light that goes down in the horizon—the ship that passes in the night.

So nations pass. The time is coming when men and nations will pass by day, coming on the horizon with their names plainly written upon the prow, passing near enough to say who are you? are you in

want? are you in need? So they pass greeting and each go their separate way.

So men and women are coming to meet in this glorious life, and so nations are meeting and learning that we all have some purpose in life.

Now, my dear friends, we call our city beautiful. It was beautiful before we came. The river that flows so peacefully, yet so grandly, in its dignity, was here. We have cleared away the beautiful forests and built homes for ourselves. We have opened our roadways; and it has been our effort to keep it as beautiful as we found it.

Our city is both old and young—old because only a few days ago it passed its two hundredth year, and young because you see on every hand evidence of the most modern ideas in science and architecture.

We pride ourselves that there is no city in all the world where there are so many homes owned by the people as in the city of Detroit; and when you leave the avenues and places of palatial residences and go into the side streets and see the cottages, you will see there the evidences that we are a home city. If you ask me for the tenement districts which you find in nearly every other city, I can truly answer we have none because they do not exist in our city.

Do you wonder then that under such circumstances Chapters of the Eastern Star flourish?

Our good friends will see that you are piloted to that beautiful spot where we delight to take our friends, from which they receive, as we do, the inspiration of what is beautiful and what is delightful—Belle Isle.

That Island was never stained with human blood save once. The islands of these Great Lakes and rivers, which are naturally so beautiful, impressed the Indian in such a way that to him it was holy ground;

and in fact some of our friends have found in that fact what they seem to think is a revival of customs of old nations—places of refuge, for, you will remember, under Jewish dispensation there were certain places that when people came upon them they took their sandals off their feet, and human blood was never shed there. We find these islands held sacred in the same way.

And so far as our own city is concerned, we have never had any visitation of disease or those calamities which have come unhappily to so many other communities. From the very bottom of my heart I believe that the founding of this city—the manner in which it was founded—is the reason why we enjoy the blessings we have had ever since.

When the pioneers landed here upon the night of the 24th of July, 1701, their first act was an act of worship. They had sought all day along the river for a landing-place. Here and there were bluffs and finally, within a half-mile of where you are now assembled, they landed. The birds had folded their wings and ceased to sing; the sun was sinking in the West, but around a rude altar they knelt and the song of evening vespers arose—a consecration which has come down to bless the beautiful city to which you are most cordially welcome.

CHAPTERS' WELCOME.

Mrs. Elizabeth Workman extended a welcome in behalf of the Chapters of Detroit, as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brothers and Sisters
of the General Grand Chapter:*

To me has been given the high honor of saying a word of welcome in behalf of the six Eastern Star Chapters of Detroit.

Your coming has been a pleasant anticipation these many months. We have worked together to the end that your stay with us might be an enjoyable and profitable one, and the work of preparation has been most pleasant and harmonious. We have looked upon it as a labor of love, appreciating the honor of your visit and the fact that you were to be our guests and that we were to have the pleasure of entertaining you.

We extend to you no formal greeting but a fraternal love which bids you welcome as sisters and brothers.

If I had the gift of oratory, I might express our gratification in more glowing words, but

“More expressive may be
Than all words ever spoken,
When heart has an instinct
Of what in the heart of another is passing.”

And I assure you that the thought “Welcome to the Grand Chapter” is the password written in the hearts of your sisters and brothers of Hayward, Keystone, Palestine, Detroit, Wayne and Sampson Chapters.

Again, we ask you to accept our password Welcome.

There are in Michigan 45,000 Masons. F. O. Gilbert, the Worshipful Grand Master, was to have been present to welcome the General Grand Chapter in the name of these Brothers, but he was unavoidably detained and relegated his duty to Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Master, also Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter. He too at the last moment disappointed the Committee, and Mrs. Nichols called on the Grand Patron of Michigan to perform this duty.

MASONS' WELCOME.

A. C. Northrup, Grand Patron of Michigan, extended a welcome in behalf of the Masons of Michigan, as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members
of the General Grand Chapter:*

The sister has said that one of the disappointing things in this life is woman. I think she should have said man.

Evidently it was designed to bring a man before you who, figurately speaking, could stretch out his arms around this whole sisterhood, but he has failed to appear and I am very proud to be invited to this position; I am very glad I happened to be on the ground, although this is the first intimation I have had of it. I have no set speech; but, representing the Masonic Order of Michigan, certainly I can heartily welcome you. Evidences on all sides in this magnificent temple assure you ladies from Honolulu and Scotland, and indeed the whole world, that you are all welcome to Michigan, and the hearts of the Masons throughout all Michigan are filled with the desire to welcome the Eastern Star, with its beautiful Order.

Again, in behalf of the Masons of Michigan, I bid you all welcome and trust you may have a glorious session and remember us with kindly hearts when in your homes.

RESPONSE.

The reponse to the several welcomes was made by Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers
of Michigan:*

“For I have neither wit, nor words, nor worth,
Action, nor utterance, nor power of speech,
To stir men’s blood: I only speak right on;
I tell you that which you yourselves do know.”

If these lines were true in Anthony’s case, they are certainly true in mine, for all these welcoming addresses have left me with neither wit, nor words, nor power of speech, to express what my heart feels. I can only humbly thank you for all these kind welcomes.

Michigan is our eldest sister. How much do we owe to these brothers and sisters in this great state! They were our path-finders, our guides. For thirty-five years they have blazed the way through forests of prejudices and deserts of difficulty. Who shall tell the story of that journey and its trials; how they have made the road an easy one for us to follow!

Yes, Michigan is our best beloved eldest sister, and how proud are we to-day to honor her; how glad are we younglings to take her by the hand and receive these generous welcomes! While within these gates, the gates of this beautiful city of the lakes, this convention city and this consecrated city, may we appreciate and deserve these glad welcomes, and put to good use those twenty-eight minutes.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, in your name I heartily thank the brothers and sisters of Michigan for their welcome.

There is nothing sweeter or more beautiful to-day than human friendship. It makes life worth living; it makes dark places light and rough places smooth. To perfect and cement this friendship is the purpose of this Order, and I believe this General Grand Chap-

ter is arriving nearer and nearer the goal at each triennial.

Carlisle has said that to become thoroughly acquainted with thoroughly good people is to be made happy.

Most Worthy Grand Matron and members of the General Grand Chapter, I invite you on this occasion to become thoroughly acquainted with our brothers and sisters of Michigan and Detroit and incidentally, sisters, with Detroit's honorable Mayor.

The three years since last we met have passed as a tale that is told—to many of us fraught with more sorrow than joy, but surely as an Order we have much for which we should be grateful. We have to be thankful for the wonderful growth and extension of this beautiful institution; for the efficiency of our active officers; we have to be thankful for the fast fading opposition of the Masonic brotherhood. The evidences are before us. Many of the Grand Lodges are now recognizing us as an aid and help to their noble work.

The waves of an awful disaster enveloped one jurisdiction. That disaster has now become a part of history, and we have to be thankful that this Order came bravely to the front with contributions, amounting to more than \$10,000, fully relieving every case of destitution and suffering among our members. It was caused by the great storm at Galveston, September 8th, 1900. To-day in their name I desire to thank you, both officially and personally, for your fraternal generosity; but there is no language to express the gratitude of those people to the Order of the Eastern Star, and that name has become a by-word in many a home in coast towns of Texas.

We meet to-day, brothers and sisters, in the shadow of a world-wide calamity. Our tears mingle

with those of a stricken nation; and though it all should we not be thankful that our President represented all that we, as an Order, should revere in Masonry, and that he was so greatly loved. Other Presidents may have been able—I do not know, I cannot say, but surely he was the best beloved; and especially so it is true in the Southland. Should we not be thankful that he is forever enshrined in our hearts as the highest type of a true, American Mason, and as such has become what we hope to be, one

“Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence : life
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man’s search
To vaster issues.”

Thus has he joined the choir invisible, whose music is at once the glory and the gladness of the world.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron reported that Mrs. Florence G. McLean, Worthy Grand Organist, had sent her a letter of regret, saying she was with her husband, who was very ill, in Texas, and upon motion of Mrs. Mary E. Partridge it was ordered that a telegram of sympathy be forwarded to her at this time.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Session of the General Grand Chapter was dispensed with, as printed copies had been distributed to all members present.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. McKinley.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron invited to the East the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons present, who were:

Mrs. Elmira Foley,
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,

Mrs. Nettie Ransford,
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden,
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge.

It was ordered that when the General Grand Chapter call off at one o'clock for lunch, we re-assemble at 2.30 P. M.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Mrs. Elizabeth Magie, Harry B. Major, Mrs. Annie L. Tilton.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Wilford C. Wilson, Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Mrs. May Chapman.

Unfinished Business.—Henry L. Stillson, Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Mrs. Harriet I. Burwell.

Jurisprudence.—Charles A. Eckert, Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Mrs. Ella J. Flanders.

Appeals.—Sterling M. Price, Mrs. Sarah F. Morse, Mrs. Elizabeth Salter.

Charters.—Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Mrs. Louise Mathews, Mrs. Josephine Folsom.

Addresses.—John S. Alfred, Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Mrs. Sarah A. Bristol.

Deceased Members.—Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Mrs. Lee Christie, Mrs. Kate C. Brechner.

ADDRESS

OF

MRS. HATTIE E. EWING, M. W. GRAND MATRON.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read her report as follows:

Sisters and Brothers:

“From hills of the East, the North, the South,
And the fertile, flowery West,
Your footsteps and hearts have in gladness turned
To this silvery milestone blest ;
Where the light of our Star, the Eastern Star,
In glory to-day doth shine,
Fairer, clearer, brighter far,
Than gems from the richest mine.
And oh, may a beaker fair and large
By this way-mark lifted be,
With the wine of love to fill each heart
Till the golden goal we see.”

Assembled in this magnificent Masonic Temple and already the recipients of such cordial and heartfelt greetings, I extend my measure of welcome to all who have turned their eyes for some months towards this Mecca of our Eastern Star and with hearts overflowing with kindness and good-will have journeyed hither.

Two hundred years ago Cadillac set foot upon the shore of this city and took possession in the name of Louis XIV. Great changes have been wrought since then, for behold this beautiful Forest City which has sprung from the vast wilderness of which the Wolverine State was then a part. One hundred and

thirty-seven years ago the first Masonic altar in Michigan was erected at Fort Detroit, and we turn back in history only thirty-four years to discover when this Grand Chapter of Michigan first saw the light of the beautiful morn, which has broadened into a most perfect day. What place more fitting for us to erect the silver milestone of our General Grand Chapter than in the metropolis of our mother Grand Chapter.

The nineteenth century is acknowledged to be the most wonderful hundred years in our world's history. This we might expect, for it is the flower and fruitage of all the others. I count it the *best* century since it has taught us the value and necessity of co-operation and has touched the emotional side of our natures, leaving broad and deep the foundations for better things. It has developed the idea of equality and brotherhood and made us recognize that great principle, that man is his brother's keeper.

Associations have become great harmonizing key-notes of inspiration and the increased tendency during the last part of the nineteenth century to organize fraternities has elevated and ennobled the final creation of the Divine Hand and made the world a wider place for her. The large heart of humanity is throbbing in sympathy with his fellows, and men and women are banding together, each for the other's good, as never before in the history of the world.

If we study the genesis of fraternity we shall find that it is born of pleasant association. Robert Morris fully realized the deep meaning of fraternity from his Masonic relations, and desirous that woman might enjoy its genial influence, projected a similar organization, our Eastern Star. I need not tell you of its wonderful growth during the last half of the century just passed. To-day, founded upon the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, advocated by our best and most

intelligent Masons and guarded by that grandest of all secret organizations, what wonder that our outlook is so bright. Our future is rich in promises, but let us not forget that to-day is big with solemn obligations. In my visits to so many of our Grand Chapters I have noted with admiration the interest of the members in their Masonic and Eastern Star Homes. May the day soon dawn upon a work of this kind in every jurisdiction. Then shall the Eastern Star have reached the highest ideal of a fraternal organization.

OUR BELOVED DEAD.

At the beginning of this session, our hearts overflowing with grateful thanksgiving, we humbly acknowledge the wisdom and kindness of Him who, with a father's tender love, has guided and guarded us since last we met.

Little did I dream when I began this address that ere it had been delivered our country would be in the throes of such deep affliction. Indeed, our sorrow is part of a universal sorrow, for all nations of the world lament this sad event, and we are grateful for their heartfelt sympathy. Our lamented president has carried us safely through a momentous period in our country's history and placed us first among the nations in finance, industry and commerce.

We mourn the loss not only of our ruler, but of one who has endeared himself to the American people by his diplomacy and conservatism as a statesman, his broad sympathy, his confidence in our country's future and the charm and purity of his domestic life. In every sense he was a typical American. His spirit of forgiveness and gentleness is shown in his words to the fiend who took his life, "May God forgive him." They are the "perfected poem of a fireside expanded into a beautiful world song."

Although we have earnestly besought his recovery, we humbly bow to the Infinite One and remember William McKinley's last words: "It is God's way; His will be done, not ours." We extend our love and tenderest sympathy to her who has ever received from the loving husband the most beautiful and unselfish devotion, not only in the quiet of the home, but amid the pageantry of state and the tumult of political exultation.

I rejoice that I am able to report our circle of grand officers unbroken. From the homes of two of them their beloved companions have slipped away into the golden mist and found God's morn. We extend to them our sincere sympathy, and oft in the midst of their loneliness may they look upward and dwell on the eternal reunion. Several of our Grand Jurisdictions have suffered irreparable loss, one or more of their tried and faithful servants having, through patient toil, reached that land "Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest." We humbly ask that the light of Divine sympathy may shine into the darkened homes and sad hearts and that the comfort of the world's Redeemer may soothe them.

"The choicest gifts
That heaven hath kindly lent to earth
Are ever first to seek again
The country of their birth."

Among the honored dead we recall the names of the following sisters and brothers:

Sister Anna M. Harrington, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts.

Brother Joseph J. Todd, Past Grand Patron of Indiana.

Sister Rebecca J. McClintock, Past Grand Matron of Ohio.

Brother George J. Hobe, Past Grand Patron of California.

Sister Hannah S. Harvey, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut.

Brother Redmond R. Lewis, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas.

Brother Clark Buckingham, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut.

Sister Belle DeRetta Moon, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Sister Elizabeth O. White, Past Grand Matron of North Dakota.

Sister Christiana Butterick, Past Grand Matron of New York.

Brother J. J. Kendrick, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sister Jennie L. Jackson, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska.

Sister Maria Anderson, Past Grand Matron of California.

Brother Horace Spencer Winslow, Past Grand Patron of Iowa.

Brother James Ewen Edmiston, Past Grand Patron of Washington.

Sister Carrie M. Perkins, Past Grand Matron of Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

Sister Sarah C. Hibbard, Past Grand Matron of Missouri.

Brother Cornelius W. Okey, Past Grand Patron of District of Columbia.

Brother Leonard Lewis, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota.

Brother Chauncey Waterbury, Past Grand Patron of Michigan.

Sister Emily Scott, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska.

Brother Henry D. Hathaway, Past Grand Patron of Colorado.

Sister Jennie A. Shirk, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota.

Brother Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, Past Grand Patron of Iowa.

Sister Mary Etta Mount, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska and R. W. Asso. Grand Matron, '84-'86.

Brother T. K. McFarland, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.

Sister Mary C. Deming, Past Grand Matron of Vermont.
Sister Mary Jennie Parker, Past Grand Matron of California.

Brother Isaac Newton Hathaway, Past Grand Patron of Ohio.

“Round the Heavenly, sacred altar,
Are these Stars who’ve crossed the Bar,
Radiant from the reflected glory
Of the one true Eastern Star.”

OFFICIAL ACTS.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the action of the General Grand Chapter on report of memorial committee, I appointed, Oct. 29, 1898, Sister Mary E. Partridge, Brother Willis D. Engle, Sister Mary C. Snedden, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin and Sister Laura B. Hart to attend to the revision and rearrangement of the ritual and report thereon at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF BONDS.

Oct. 29, 1898, I approved the bonds of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Sister Harriette A. Ercanbrack, and Nov. 28, 1898, those of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

Oct. 8, 1898, I commissioned Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary E. Partridge, to install Sister Augusta D. Wilson, Past Grand Matron of California, as Worthy Grand Ruth of the General Grand Chapter. This duty was performed Oct. 19, 1898, in the Grand Chapter of California.

Feb. 10, 1899, I commissioned Sister Alice Taylor, Past Grand Matron of Washington, to install Sister

Florence G. McLean, Grand Matron of Washington, as Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter. June 16, 1899, this duty was discharged in the Grand Chapter of Washington.

In October, 1898, I received a cordial invitation to attend the annual session of the National Council of Women to be held in Omaha the last of the month under the auspices of the Woman's Department of the Trans - Mississippi and International Exposition. Knowing that it was not the desire of our organization to become a part of this Council, and not desiring to incur expense, I still believed it might be well for our order to appoint a representative in that locality to attend and to respond for our Order, five minutes being allotted each fraternal delegate. Oct. 19, 1898, I appointed Sister Helen M. Stires, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska, my representative to attend the meeting. Sister Stires' greeting was excellent and it was pleasantly received by the Council. In response to an urgent invitation to attend the triennial session of this body in Washington, Feb. 9, 1899, I commissioned Sister Alcena Lamond, Past Grand Matron of District of Columbia, to attend the meeting as my representative. Sister Lamond was invited to give a short address and responded in her eloquent language and forcible manner.

APPROVED BY-LAWS OF THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS:

Feb. 6, 1899, Arizona Chapter, No. 2, Tucson, Ariz.

May 31, 1899, Golden Star Chapter, No. 15, Bellevue, Idaho.

Aug. 29, 1899, Hawaii Chapter, No. 1, Hilo, Hawaii.

Aug. 30, 1899, Temple Chapter, No. 7, Marion, Ala.

Sept. 7, 1899, Miriam Chapter, No. 16, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Jan. 2, 1900, Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Rossland, B. C.

- Feb. 19, 1900, Ruth Chapter, No. 8, Richmond, Va.
Apr. 21, 1900, Tilton Chapter, No. 9, Tilton, Ga.
Apr. 23, 1900, Hugh Duncan Chapter, No. 2, Salmon,
Idaho.
Apr. 27, 1900, Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter, No. 10,
Montgomery, Ala.
Apr. 30, 1900, Pearl Chapter, No. 6, Bisbee, Ariz.
May 7, 1900, Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, Ogden, Utah.
May 25, 1900, Queen Esther Chapter, No. 8, Clearwater,
Florida.
May 25, 1900, Adah Chapter, No. 12, Birmingham, Ala.
May 29, 1900, Diamond Chapter, No. 7, Jerome, Ariz.
June 18, 1900, Stanton Chapter, No. 22, Stanton, Ky.
June 25, 1900, Syringa Chapter, No. 18, Harrison, Idaho.
June 25, 1900, Columbia Chapter, No. 9, Columbia, Ala.
July 21, 1900, Sabra Chapter, No. 9, DeLamar, Nev.
Aug. 6, 1900, Ben Bricken Chapter, No. 8, Rutledge, Ala.
Aug. 25, 1900, White Mountain Chapter, No. 8, Globe,
Ariz.
Aug. 25, 1900, Eureka Chapter, No. 9, St. Petersburg,
Florida.
Sept. 5, 1900, De Soto Chapter, No. 10, Punta Gorda, Fla.
Apr. 10, 1901, Greenwood Chapter, No. 4, Greenwood, S. C.
Apr. 20, 1901, Ruth Chapter, No. 19, Gravel Switch, Ky.
June 17, 1901, Leahi Chapter, No. 2, Honolulu, Oahu,
Hawaii Ty.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

- Mar. 25, 1899, Electa Chapter, No. 6, Atlanta, Ga.
June 6, 1899, Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, Long Beach,
Miss.
Nov. 3, 1900, Hawaii Chapter, No. 1, Hilo, Hawaii.
Dec. 30, 1900, Mountain Gem Chapter, No. 7, Lewiston,
Idaho.
Apr. 15, 1901, Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grange-
ville, Idaho.

Apr. 19, 1901, Lynds Chapter, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.
July 16, 1901, Greenwood Chapter, No. 4, Greenwood, S. C.
Sept. 18, 1901, Dolorres Chapter, No. 7, New Smyrna, Fla.

**APPROVED CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS OF GRAND
CHAPTERS.**

Dec. 29, 1900, Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
Dec. 31, 1900, Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
Jan.—, 1901, Grand Chapter of Arizona.
Feb. 21, 1901, Grand Chapter of Georgia.
Mar. 6, 1901, Grand Chapter of Alabama.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

1. Dec. 19, 1898, special dispensation to Maryland Chapter, No. 2, of Baltimore, Md., to elect and install officers on other than the night specified in their by-laws.
2. Dec. 19, 1898, Princeton Chapter, No. 17, of Princeton, Ky., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.
3. Jan. 2, 1899, Adah Chapter, No. 8, of Boise, Idaho, to install worthy matron and worthy patron at other than regular time.
4. Jan. 6, 1899, Louise L. McGuire Chapter, No. 6, of Monroe, La., to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.
5. Jan. 14, 1899, Mizpah Chapter, No. 9, of Frederick, Md., to elect an associate matron and install all its officers at other than the regular time.
6. Jan. 18, 1899, Electa Chapter, No. 6, of Atlanta, Ga., to install officers at other than the regular time.
7. Jan. 27, 1899, Queen Esther Chapter, No. 3, Hagerstown, Md., to change their place of meeting to the new Masonic Temple until amendment to by-laws is approved.
8. Feb. 3, 1899, Queen Esther Chapter, No. 3, Hagerstown, Md., to change their time of meeting from first and

third Tuesdays to first and third Mondays, until amendment to by-laws is approved.

9. Feb. 20, 1899, Dolorres Chapter, No. 7, New Smyrna, Fla., to change the time of their regular meetings from first and third Thursdays of each month to second and fourth Mondays, until amendment to by-laws is approved.

10. Mar. 6, 1899, granted waiver of jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to the Grand Matron of Illinois to receive the petition of a lady residing in Tennessee, under the jurisdiction of the G. G. C.

11. Mar. 30, 1899, Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, Long Beach, Miss., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

12. Mar. 31, 1899, Ruth Chapter, No. 3, of Pocatello, Idaho, to elect and install a worthy patron at other than the regular time.

13. Apr. 27, 1899, Arizona Chapter, No. 2, Tucson, Ariz., to receive the petition of a lady who had been a resident of the jurisdiction a little less than six months.

14. June 9, 1899, Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho, to change their time of meeting from first Saturday after first full moon, to first Friday before first full moon, until amendment to by-laws is approved.

15. Nov. 4, 1899, Arizona Chapter, No. 2, Tucson, Ariz., to confer the degrees Nov. 16 upon members of the Grand Lodge not residing in Prescott, Tucson, Winslow, Phoenix, Flagstaff and Globe.

(A meeting of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and Grand Commandery was held in Tucson, Nov. 14, 15 and 16, and Arizona Chapter requested the privilege of conferring the degrees upon eligible members for the purpose of extending the order in the territory. After consulting with the Most Worthy Grand Patron, I granted the above dispensation and the degrees were conferred upon eight members of the Grand Lodge, four from Wilcox, two from Nogales, one from Florence and one from Bisbee, all being

vouched for by the worthy patron and several other members of Arizona Chapter.)

16. Dec. 27, 1899, Golden Rule Chapter, No. 1, Prescott, Ariz., to elect their officers at the regular meeting Jan. 4, 1900, there not being a quorum at their annual meeting.

17. Jan. 1, 1900, Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho, to hold their annual election at other than the prescribed time.

18. Jan. 5, 1900, Hawaii Chapter, No. 1, of Hilo, Hawaii, to hold their regular meetings while their charter is in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

19. Jan. 11, 1900, Elmwood Chapter, No. 9, of Elmwood, Tenn., to install officers at other than the regular time.

20. Jan. 20, 1900, Louise L. McGuire Chapter, No. 6, of Monroe, La., to install officers at other than regular time.

21. Jan. 30, 1900, Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho, to hold their annual election Feb. 9, 1900.

(Not able to use dispensation of Jan. 1 on account of small-pox.)

22. Feb. 20, 1900, Dolorres Chapter, No. 7, New Smyrna, Fla., to conclude installation of officers when present.

23. Mar. 5, 1900, Mountain Queen Chapter, No. 11, Grangeville, Idaho, to install officers at other than the regular time.

24. Mar. 23, 1900, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Fidelity Chapter, No. 32, of Holton, Me., to receive the petition of John A. Lindsey and Adelia J. Lindsey of Woodstock, N. B., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

25. Apr. 13, 1900, waiver of jurisdiction granted to the Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas, Brother J. B. Ellis, over such persons residing in Junction City, La., or within five miles of that city, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, as desire to become members of the chapter at Junction City, Ark.

26. Apr. 30, 1900, Mount Carmel Chapter, No. 4, of Mount Carmel, La., to elect and install officers and to hold meetings in Florien until amendment to by-laws was approved.

27. May 7, 1900, Ruby Chapter, No. 3, of Winslow, Ariz., to elect and install worthy matron at other than regular time.

28. May 23, 1900, Ben Bricken Chapter, No. 8, of Rutledge, Ala., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

29. May 23, 1900, Ben Bricken Chapter, No. 8, of Rutledge, Ala., to hold its meetings without its charter until said charter shall be restored or a duplicate received from the General Grand Chapter. (This dispensation was afterwards returned, the charter having been restored).

30. May 23, 1900, Alpha Chapter, No. 1, of Rossland, B. C., to hold its next regular meeting without its charter, the same being in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

31. May 25, 1900, Ruby Chapter, No. 3, of Winslow, Ariz., to elect and install worthy matron, associate matron and any other officers whose places may be vacated by an election of the occupant thereof to a higher office.

32. June 8, 1900, Rebecca Chapter, No. 2, of Welsh, La., to elect and install officers, to receive applications, grant dimits and make reinstatements at a meeting to be held June 16.

(This meeting was for the purpose of reorganizing the chapter.)

33. June 15, 1900, Alice Chapter, No. 7, Morgan City, La., to hold its meetings without its charter until said charter shall be restored or a duplicate received from the General Grand Chapter.

(The dispensation has been returned and a new charter granted by the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.)

34. July 11, 1900, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Fort Dearborn Chapter, No. 283, of Illinois, to receive the petition of Emma B. Wolins of Mexico, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

35. July 13, 1900, at the request of Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Rossland, B. C., I declared the office of worthy matron vacant and granted a dispensation to elect and install her successor.

36. July 27, 1900, Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Rossland, B. C., to elect and install an associate matron, that office being vacant by the election of the associate matron to the East.

37. Nov. 3, 1900, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Adah Chapter, No. 12, of Birmingham, Ala., to receive the petition of W. H. Taylor of Columbus, Miss., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

38. Dec. 22, 1900, Esther Chapter, No. 7, of Columbia, S. C., to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.

39. Dec. 29, 1900, Glynn Chapter, No. 11, of Brunswick, Ga., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

40. Jan. 14, 1901, Bertha Rubenstein Chapter, No. 14, Andalusia, Ala., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

41. Jan. 15, 1901, Hugh Duncan Chapter, No. 2, Salmon, Idaho, to install worthy patron, associate matron and other officers not installed at the regular time.

42. Jan. 15, 1901, Princeton Chapter, No. 17, Princeton, Ky., to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.

43. Jan. 19, 1901, Esther Chapter, No. 7, Columbia, S. C., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

44. Feb. 1, 1901, Electa Chapter, No. 6, Greenville, S. C., to elect and install officers at other than the regular time.

45. Feb. 5, 1901, Greenwood Chapter, No. 4, Greenwood, S. C., to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.

46. Feb. 9, 1901, granted waiver of jurisdiction to Brother Wm. J. Semple, Grand Patron of Ohio, to receive petitions of persons living on the Virginia side of the Ohio River, opposite Racine, O., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

47. Feb. 21, 1901, Hawaii Chapter, No. 1, of Hilo, Hawaii, to elect and install an associate matron, the sister

elected to this position in December not having presented herself for installation.

48. Mar. 5, 1901, granted waiver of jurisdiction to Sister Lottie J. Wiley, Grand Matron of Illinois, over Harry S. Phillips of Bowling Green, Ky., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to join the chapter in Murphysboro, Illinois.

49. April 9, 1901, Miriam Chapter, No. 1, of Wheeling, W. Va., to elect and install officers.

50. Apr. 9, 1901, Electa Chapter, No. 6, Greenville, S. C., to hold legal meetings without its original charter until said charter is found or a duplicate furnished by the General Grand Chapter.

51. May 27, 1901, Laurel Chapter, No. 13, of Lewiston, Idaho, to suspend regular meetings during June, July and August, it being the request of the chapter.

52. June 20, 1901, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Port Huron Chapter, No. 170, of Port Huron, Mich., to receive the petition of George L. Phillips and wife, Susanna Phillips, of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

53. July 8, 1901, Electric City Chapter, No. 8, of Anderson, S. C., to install worthy matron and other officers at other than the regular time.

54. Aug. 14, 1901, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Salisbury Chapter, No. 155, of Salisbury, Mo., to receive petition of Mrs. S. E. Hendry of Charleston, S. C., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

55. Aug. 24, 1901, waiver of jurisdiction granted to Port Huron Chapter, No. 170, of Port Huron, Mich., over several residing in Ontario, Canada, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

LEGALIZING FORMER ACTS.

In accordance with an act of the General Grand Chapter held in Washington in 1898, I sent an official document to the Grand Chapters of Michigan and

Indiana legalizing the former acts of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Hinds, in granting release of jurisdiction over certain parties to these states, said parties living under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

PROCEEDINGS.

Soon after my return home from our session in Washington I received notice that Sister Partridge had no recollection of announcing the special committee for extending our order into foreign countries. The minutes gave no report of same nor could several that were interrogated furnish any evidence of such act. When we consider the many duties devolving upon Sister Partridge during this session and her anxiety of mind regarding her beloved husband, who was lying in a critical condition, it is not strange that her memory failed her in this single act. As the appointment of this committee belonged to Sister Partridge, I advised her naming the same and sending the list to Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Pitkin, for incorporation into our '98 Proceedings. Such list is found on page 164. Soon after the distribution of the Proceedings I learned that this committee was appointed during the session and the names thereof were furnished me. I have corrected the matter so far as I was able, sending an official document explaining same to every Grand Chapter within the General Grand. I am convinced that the mistake was merely an unintentional oversight on the part of all interested parties.

CALLS AND RECOGNITION OF NEW GRAND CHAPTERS.

In accordance with our law I have signed, with our Most Worthy Grand Patron, calls for the conventions and recognition notices establishing the Grand

Chapters of Maryland, Arizona, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. I have also signed the recognition notices declaring the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Vermont constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.

January 28, 1901, I was appointed special deputy of Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gearhart, for the purpose of organizing Grand Chapters in Georgia and Alabama, and to perform such other acts as might be necessary for the accomplishment of the work. Very successful conventions were held in Brunswick, Ga., February 21st, and in Birmingham, Ala., March 6, 1901. The delegates were enthusiastic in the work and the visitors were cordially entertained by the Chapter with whom the convention was called.

It was a noticeable feature that only one of the chapters represented at the convention in Georgia was organized previous to my term of office and of the nine chapters represented in Alabama, seven had received charters within the last two years. This proves the interest of the new chapters and the necessity of visiting and instructing these isolated chapters. Our territory within the United States has become so narrowed, I would recommend that every subordinate chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter be visited by either the Most Worthy Grand Matron or the Most Worthy Grand Patron during their term of office. The reports that come from the southern Grand Chapters are very encouraging, several new Stars shedding their light into the homes of the new-made sisters and brothers. We wish them God-speed in their noble work.

DECISIONS.

My opinion on various subjects has often been solicited by the grand officers of our Grand Chapters,

and although not reported, I have been pleased to advise with them. The usual number of questions have been asked by our subordinate chapters, which in nearly every instance a closer study of our rules and regulations would have rendered unnecessary. I have gladly written all who have desired any information, but find few decisions to report that have not already become a part of the law of this grand body.

1. Question. Is the charge of drunkenness proved against a member of the O. E. S., man or woman, sufficient cause for expulsion?

Answer. Gross and confirmed habits of intoxication proved against a member of the O. E. S., man or woman, are sufficient cause for expulsion.

2. Question. Should reappointed officers be installed the same as re-elected officers?

Answer. They should, for they are beginning a new term of office.

3. Question. May officers wear robes at public installations?

Answer. There is no law prohibiting it.

4. Question. May degrees be conferred the same night of election to receive the degrees?

Answer. They may.

5. Question. Does section 10 in rules and regulations imply that the rejected applicant should make out a new petition for membership?

Answer. A rejected applicant should make out a new petition for membership, and this should be acted upon according to Sec. 7.

6. Question. Can a sister who took a dimit ten years ago in moving from her home chapter, and who has never since lived in a place having a chapter, now place her dimit in our chapter?

Answer. Yes, the length of time a dimit is held does not affect its legality.

7. Question. Has a member of the order who has taken a dimit from the chapter the right of burial under the auspices of the chapter?

Answer. A dimitted member of the order has no right to an O. E. S. burial under the auspices of the chapter.

8. Question. The widow of a Mason married a man not a Mason, from whom she was divorced, and in the decree of divorce was given her former name. She received the degrees years ago in the parlors from Robert Morris. Under these conditions is she eligible to membership?

Answer. The marriage of a lady to a gentleman not a Mason, though divorced from him, debars her from becoming a member of your chapter as the widow of a Mason. Had she received the degrees in the regular way from a legally organized chapter, and then dimitted, she might now join your chapter by affiliation.

9. Question. A man and his wife holding dimit petitions to our chapter for affiliation and were elected, when it was ascertained that the brother was dimitted from his lodge. Were either eligible?

Answer. No, for no person can be admitted as a member of a chapter by initiation or affiliation save affiliated Master Masons, and their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and widows.

10. Question. Our chapter was organized in June. Our worthy patron was not re-elected in December. Is he a past worthy patron?

Answer. Yes, as he filled the office during the term for which he was elected.

11. Question. We had a petition for degrees on which the sisters reported favorably and the brother unfavorably. On account of his report, I decided that the petition was rejected and it did not go to the ballot. Was this correct?

Answer. A ballot must be taken on all petitions for membership immediately after the report of the committee on investigation.

12. Question. If a candidate is elected but refuses to receive the degrees, is the chapter expected to return the initiation fees?

Answer. The chapter is under no obligation to return the initiation fees, but may vote to do so.

13. Question. If some of the lesser officers are absent, is it permissible to omit their parts during the opening ceremony?

Answer. Inasmuch as we have a decision that the entire opening ceremony should be used at every meeting, I would fill all vacancies at stations, provided there are sufficient members present.

14. Question. On the evening of the installation of our officers charges were preferred against our worthy patron elect. No objections being made, he was installed. Was the action legal, and is he our patron?

Answer. I consider a person innocent until he is proven guilty, and no objections having been raised, the action was perfectly legal.

15. Question. Owing to the lateness of the hour, we merely obligated a candidate for the degrees at our last meeting. Can he be present at the opening ceremony of our next meeting?

Answer. No, for he is not a member of the order and entitled to its privileges until he has taken the five degrees in the regular way.

16. Question. Should an application for membership lie over for two weeks or one month?

Answer. It depends upon whether your regular meetings are held once or twice a month. A petition must lie over until the next regular meeting following that at which it was presented.

17. Question. If we suspend a member of our chapter, should we notify all other chapters in our jurisdiction of such act?

Answer. It should be the duty of the secretary of a chapter whenever one of its members is suspended for other

cause than non-payment of dues to notify the other chapters in the jurisdiction.

18. Question. Our worthy matron has permanently removed from our jurisdiction. Will you declare the office vacant and grant a dispensation to elect a new worthy matron?

Answer. I granted the dispensation and made this decision: Death or permanent removal from a jurisdiction is sufficient cause for declaring the office of worthy matron or worthy patron vacant, provided it is the wish of the chapter.

The worthy matron of a chapter having permanently removed from the jurisdiction, I was asked to declare the office vacant and grant a dispensation for the election of a new worthy matron and was asked these two questions:

19. Question. Will the worthy matron that has vacated the office be considered a past matron?

Answer. No, as she failed to fill the term for which she was elected.

(This should not apply to a case where a worthy matron is serving her second term.)

20. Question. Will the newly elected worthy matron be considered a past matron provided she serves until our next annual election?

Answer. Yes.

21. One chapter under our jurisdiction, through ignorance of our law, received a petition and balloted upon it the same night. They learned their mistake before initiating the candidate and wrote me for advice. I advised them to report and ballot upon the same petition at the next regular meeting, due notice being given the members.

22. Question. Is it proper for a member of the order from a chapter affiliated with the General Grand Chapter to visit a New York chapter?

Answer. Yes.

23. Question. Should a member of a New York chapter in good standing, be allowed to visit our chapter?

Answer. Yes, if the member from New York can take

the test-oath, he or she should be admitted, but Master Masons who have merely been obligated, have not been initiated and are not members of any chapter, cannot visit chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Electa Chapter No. 6, of Greenville, S. C., lost its charter in January, 1900. Proper search seems to have been made for it and the members believe that it has been accidentally destroyed. I recommend that a duplicate charter be granted Electa Chapter No. 6, of Greenville, S. C., by the General Grand Chapter.

At our sixth triennial session Brother Willis D. Engle submitted the following amendment: "Resolved, That Section 6, Article III, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word 'majority' and inserting in lieu thereof 'two-thirds vote,' and striking out the words 'shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote,'" which was referred to the jurisprudence committee. They deemed it unwise to concur in this amendment and recommended "that the law remain as it is." Their report was not adopted. Brother D. G. Burr moved the adoption of the amendment to Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution offered by Brother Willis D. Engle, which was concurred in by a two-thirds vote. Although this has never been incorporated in our Constitution, I consider the amendment legally adopted and therefore law. Since that session a new section has been put into Article III, and what was formerly Section 6 is now Section 7. I consider amending the ritual a work to which much study and careful attention should be given and we should not allow any hasty and immediate changes. I therefore recommend that Section 7, Article III, of the Constitution be

amended by striking out the words "two-thirds vote" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "majority," and by inserting the words "shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote," so that the section shall read:

"All amendments, alterations or additions to the ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same."

The following questions have been recently asked me by the Grand Patron of Massachusetts and I herewith submit them to the General Grand Chapter for your consideration and decision: First, how far are the decisions of the General Grand Chapter relating to the ritual binding upon the several grand jurisdictions? Second, if the General Grand Chapter can promulgate a ritual, are not its decisions interpreting that ritual as binding as the order establishing a new ritual?

CHAPTER REORGANIZED.

Whilst visiting the chapters in Florida, I went to Sanford to see what assistance could be given to Seminole Chapter in that place. I found that regular meetings had not been held for two years and that so many of the members had moved away that it was impossible to gather a quorum. I found the worthy matron very much interested in the work and desirous that I should, if possible, reorganize the chapter. On the evening of my arrival the master of the Lodge called and expressed his desire of taking the degrees and helping on the work. The following day, accompanied by the worthy matron, I called upon the members residing in Sanford, giving them due

notice of the meeting to be held on the evening of February 15 and of the work that would be done. A special meeting had been called by the master of the Lodge, but he very kindly gave us the use of the hall at 9 o'clock and the chapter was called to order at that hour by the worthy matron. Acting under the authority of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, I permitted them to receive and ballot upon eight petitions for membership. The candidates were duly elected and initiated, officers were elected and installed and I left the chapter room believing that Seminole Chapter, with its increased membership, would be able to continue its activities.

VISITS TO GRAND CHAPTERS.

I have received each year cordial invitations from every Grand Chapter to attend its annual sessions. By vote of the Grand Chapters of Ohio and Indiana, this courtesy was officially extended to me a year in advance. These invitations have been fully appreciated and accepted as far as possible, long distance and previous Eastern Star engagements alone preventing my presence and causing me to send regrets with my greeting. It has been my pleasure to meet with the following:

Feb. 22, 1899, Grand Chapter of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; guest of the Grand Chapter.

May 11, 1899, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at Worcester.

May 18, 1899, Grand Chapter of Maine at Augusta; guest of Sister Annette H. Hooper, G. Sec.

June 7, 1899, Grand Chapter of Vermont at Barre; guest of Grand Chapter.

June 13, 1899, Grand Chapter of New York at New York.

Sept. 12, 1899, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at Claremont; guest of Grand Chapter.

Oct. 3, 1899, Grand Chapter of Illinois at Chicago; guest of Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister L. J. Pitkin.

Oct. 11, 1899, Grand Chapter of Michigan at Saginaw; guest of Grand Chapter.

Oct. 18, 1899, Grand Chapter of Ohio at Columbus; guest of Grand Chapter.

Oct. 25, 1899, Grand Chapter of Iowa at Davenport; guest of Sister Jennie E. Mathews, Past M. W. Gr. Matron.

May 10, 1900, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at Worcester.

June 6, 1900, Grand Chapter of Vermont at Morrisville; guest of Grand Chapter.

Sept. 11, 1900, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at Weirs; guest of Grand Chapter.

Oct. 10, 1900, Grand Chapter of Connecticut at Hartford; guest of Sister Ida A. Fisk, P. G. M.

Jan. 23, 1901, Grand Chapter of Maryland at Baltimore; guest of Sister Margaret Megenhardt, G. M.

Feb. 21, 1901, Grand Chapter of Georgia at Brunswick; guest of Ven. Harry Cassil, G. P.

Mar. 6, 1901, Grand Chapter of Alabama at Birmingham; guest of Sister Elizabeth Salter, G. M.

Apr. 24, 1901, Grand Chapter of Indiana at Indianapolis; guest of Grand Chapter.

May 7, 1901, Grand Chapter of Nebraska at Omaha; guest of Sister Louise Matthews, G. M.

May 15, 1901, Grand Chapter of Kansas at Topeka; guest of Grand Chapter.

June 5, 1901, Grand Chapter of Vermont at Newport; guest of Grand Chapter.

On each occasion the uniformity of work, perfect harmony, great prosperity, and, best of all, the desire to help the unfortunate, have deeply impressed me and have awakened in my heart an enlarged appreciation of our order and the good it is destined to perform.

INSTALLATIONS.

With two exceptions I have installed the grand officers at each Grand Chapter visitation. Whenever my time would permit I have been pleased to accept special invitations to install the officers of subordinate chapters.

Jan. 13, 1899, installed officers of Adelphi Chapter, Springfield, Mass.

Jan. 16, 1899, installed officers of Arcana Chapter, Greenfield, Mass.

Jan. 20, 1899, installed officers of Golden Chapter, Westfield, Mass.

Jan. 24, 1899, installed officers of Doric Chapter, Easthampton, Mass.

Dec. 18, 1899, installed officers of Bethlehem Chapter, Florence, Mass.

Jan. 3, 1900, installed officers of Athena Chapter, Orange, Mass.

Jan. 5, 1900, installed officers of Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, Mass.

Jan. 12, 1900, installed officers of Adelphi Chapter, Springfield, Mass.

Jan. 16, 1900, installed officers of Middlesex Chapter, West Medford, Mass.

Jan. 18, 1900, installed officers of Themis Chapter, Athol, Mass.

Jan. 19, 1900, installed officers of Forest Chapter, Warren, Mass.

Jan. 23, 1900, installed officers of New Bedford Chapter, New Bedford, Mass.

Dec. 31, 1900, installed officers of Rob Morris Chapter, Holyoke, Mass.

Jan. 4, 1901, installed officers of Themis Chapter, Athol, Mass.

Jan. 9, 1901, installed officers of Athena Chapter, Orange, Mass.

Feb. 13, 1901, installed officers of Live Oak Chapter, Daytona, Fla.

Feb. 15, 1901, installed officers of Seminole Chapter, Sanford, Fla.

Mar. 11, 1901, installed officers of Electa Chapter, Greenville, S. C.

Mar. 13, 1901, installed elected officers of Electric City Chapter, Anderson, S. C.

In nearly every chapter visited in the South, aside from those mentioned, I have installed from one to six of its officers.

VISITS TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

The invitations which I have received to visit subordinate chapters are almost innumerable. I regret that I could not have accepted many more, although I have complied with these requests upon every possible occasion. The recollections of the pleasant associations with you sisters and brothers in your several chapter rooms will in the years to come brighten my path in life. The beautifully decorated halls, the dainty refreshments, the large attendance and the good-will and many courtesies shown me made me realize that my welcome was unfeigned. Would time permit, I should be gratified to give a detailed account of each.

Oct. 3, 1898, visited Ruth Chapter, Washington, D. C.; guest of Sister and Brother Williamson.

Oct. 6, 1898. The evening following my return from the General Grand Chapter, a delightful reception was tendered me by my own home chapter, Athena. As I was about to enter the profusely decorated hall I was presented a loving tribute by the organist, Sister Brazer. It was an original congratulation

march and was skillfully executed by the composer as I was escorted to the East. A beautiful gold-lined cup, saucer and spoon were presented me by the W. M., Sister Tenney, in behalf of Athena Chapter. Her never-to-be-forgotten welcome closed with these words :

“We welcome you proudly—we call you ours ;
We have known together both smiles and showers,
We have trodden the halls of joy and mirth,
We have stood by the flower-strewn burial earth ;
We have lived and loved and to-night we say
God speed thee, sister, and keep thee alway.”

The memory of the warm hand-clasps and the kind words spoken on this occasion have been a great incentive to me these three years in my efforts to promulgate truth and love, unity and peace.

Oct. 14, 1898, attended official visitation of Themis Chapter, Athol, Mass.

Oct. 19, 1898, attended official visitation of Athena Chapter, Orange, Mass.

Oct. 20, 1898, attended official visitation of Naomi Chapter, North Adams, Mass. ; guest of Sister Roberts.

Oct. 24, 1898, attended official visitation of Stella Chapter, Worcester, Mass. ; guest of Brother Seagrave, G. Sec.

Nov. 4, 1898, attended official visitation of Golden Chapter, Westfield, Mass. ; guest of Sister Dewey.

Nov. 7, 1898, attended official visitation of Temple Chapter, Leominster, Mass. ; guest of Sister Blake.

Nov. 17, 1898, visited James Farrington Chapter, Rochester, N. H., by special invitation ; guest of Sister Bailey, W. M.

Feb. 21, 1899, attended reception of grand officers of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Wis.

Feb. 24, 1899, a dinner and reception was tendered me by Janesville Chapter, Janesville, Wis.

Feb. 24, 1899 visited Adeline Chapter, Belvidere, Ill.

Mar. 2, 1899, visited Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City, Ind.; guest of Sister Deming.

Mar. 4, 1899, visited Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Ill.; guest of Sister Pitkin.

Mar. 8, 1899, a lunch was given in my honor by Sister Eldridge, P. W. M., and a dinner by Sister Kinney, W. M., of Adrian Chapter.

Mar. 8, 1899, visited Adrian Chapter, Adrian, Mich.; guest of Brother King, G. P.

Mar. 9, 1899, attended a reception given me by the chapters of Detroit, Mich.

Mar. 13, 1899, attended a reception given me by Port Huron Chapter, Port Huron, Mich.; guest of Sister Jillson.

May 9, 1899, attended the constitution of Middlesex Chapter, West Medford, Mass.; guest of Sister and Brother Foster.

May 11, 1899, a very pleasant reception was tendered me by my own Grand Chapter, at Worcester, Mass. Among the guests were R. W. A. G. P., Brother Williamson, R. W. G. S., Sister Pitkin, W. G. Electa, Sister Piper, and several past and present grand matrons and grand patrons of the adjoining states.

May 15, 1899, visited Arcana Chapter, Greenfield, Mass.; guest of Sister Kellogg.

June 2, 1899, visited Golden Chapter, Westfield, Mass.

June 6, 1899, visited Ruth Chapter, Barre, Vt.

June 12, 1899, visited Delta Chapter, New York, N. Y.

June 14, 1899, witnessed exemplification of work by grand officers of New York.

Oct. 7, 1899, visited Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Ill., and was presented with a beautifully framed hand-engraven certificate of honorary membership.

Oct. 14, 1899, visited Warsaw Chapter, Warsaw, Ind.; guest of Sister Conrad, P. G. M.

Oct. 16, 1899, visited Mississinewa Chapter, Marion, Ind.; guest of Sister Stewart.

Oct. 17, 1899, an informal reception was tendered me by the Grand Chapter of Ohio at Chittenden Hotel, Columbus.

Oct. 20, 1899, attended a union meeting of Naomi and Queen Esther Chapters of Indianapolis, Ind.; guest of Sister Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Oct. 21, 1899, a very pleasant reception was tendered me by the two chapters of Indianapolis.

Oct. 24, 1899, attended a school of instruction at Davenport, Iowa, presided over by Sister Rathbun, G. M. of Iowa.

Nov. 23, 1899, by special invitation visited Themis Chapter, Peterboro, N. H.; entertained by Sister Cummings, G. Treas.

Dec. 7, 1899, attended a district meeting in Bennington, Vt.; entertained by Sister and Brother Stillson.

Feb. 27, 1900, visited Ruth Chapter, Richmond, Va.; entertained by Sister and Brother Nesbitt.

Feb. 28, 1900, visited Alpha Chapter, Petersburg, Va.; entertained by Sister and Brother Lauterback.

Mar. 2, 1900, visited Electa Chapter, Greenville, S. C., and attended a reception given me at the home of the W. M., Sister Carpenter.

Mar. 5, 1900, visited Lorraine Chapter, Tennille, Ga.; guest of Sister Bashinski.

Mar. 7, 1900, visited members of Leacy Vining Chapter, East Point, Ga.

Mar. 9, 1900, visited Tilton Chapter, Tilton, Ga.; meeting at 2.30 P. M.; guest of Sister Stovall.

Mar. 9, 1900, visited Electa Chapter, Atlanta, Ga.; meeting at 8 P. M.; guest of Sister and Brother Painter.

Mar. 10, 1900, visited members of Doric Chapter, Cohutta, Ga.

Mar. 12, 1900, addressed the members and invited guests of Chattanooga Chapter, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mar. 14, 1900, attended a union meeting of Nashville and Rock City Chapters, Nashville, Tenn.; guest of Sister and Brother Stephens.

Mar. 16, 1900, visited Bethpage Chapter, Bethpage, Tenn.; meeting at 11 A. M.

Mar. 16, 1900, visited Rock City Chapter, Nashville, Tenn.

Mar. 19, 1900, visited Elmwood Chapter, Elmwood, Tenn.; guest of Sister and Brother Allgier.

Mar. 21, 1900, visited Esther Chapter, Paducah, Ky.; guest of Sister Shepard.

Mar. 23, 1900, visited Princeton Chapter, Princeton, Ky.; guest of Sister Burchard.

Mar. 28, 1900, visited Ruth Chapter, Gravel Switch, Ky.; guest of Sister and Brother Minor.

March 29, 1900, visited Stanton Chapter, Stanton, Ky.; guest of the chapter.

Mar. 30, 1900, visited Silver Star Chapter, Morehead, Ky.

Mar. 31, 1900, visited Electa Chapter, Greenup, Ky.; guest of the chapter.

Apr. 3, 1900, visited Miriam Chapter, Wheeling, W. Va.; guest of the chapter.

May 18, 1900, attended a reception given Brother Atwood, G. P. of Massachusetts, by Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, Mass.; guest of Sister and Brother Stebbins.

June 1, 1900, visited Themis Chapter, Athol, Mass.

June 4, 1900, visited Adah Chapter, West Concord, Vt.; guest of Sister and Brother Weeks.

June 5, 1900, visited Coral Chapter, Morrisville, Vt.

Sept. 7, 1900, visited Ruth Chapter, Manchester, N. H.; guest of Sister Piper, W. G. Electa.

Sept. 10, 1900, a reception was tendered me by the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at Weirs.

Oct. 9, 1900, visited Ivanhoe Chapter, Hartford, Conn.

Oct. 22, 1900, attended official visitation of Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Mass.; guest of Sister Emily Little.

Nov. 7, 1900, attended official visitation of Highland Chapter, Somerville, Mass.; guest of Sister Cushing, G. M.

Nov. 9, 1900, attended official visitation of Aurora Chapter, Natick, Mass.; guest of Sister Pierce, P. G. M. of California, at Wellesley, Mass.

Nov. 14, 1900, attended official visitation of Athena Chapter, Orange, Mass.

Jan. 14, 1901, visited Stella Chapter, Worcester, Mass.; guest of Sister and Brother Burton.

Jan. 25, 1901, visited Electric City Chapter, Anderson, S. C.; guest of Sister Coffee.

Jan. 26, 1901, visited Esther Chapter, Columbia, S. C.; guest of Sister McCraney, W. M.

Jan. 29, 1901, visited Vance Chapter, Vance, S. C.; guest of Sister and Brother Avinger.

Jan. 31, 1901, visited Cassil Chapter, Waynesboro, Ga.; guest of Sister and Brother Blount.

Feb. 2, 1901, a reception was tendered me by Glynn Chapter, Brunswick, Ga.

Feb. 4, 1901, visited Reba May Chapter, Woodbine, Ga.; guest of Sister and Brother Lang.

Feb. 5, 1901, visited Glynn Chapter, Brunswick, Ga.; guest of Sister and Brother Cassil.

Feb. 7, 1901, visited Nita Cassil Chapter, Lulaton, Ga.; guest of Sister and Brother Lang.

Feb. 11, 1901, visited Dolorres Chapter, New Smyrna, Fla., and attended a reception given by the members at the home of Sister McCarty, W. M.; entertained by Sister and Brother Mohler.

Feb. 12, 1901, visited Live Oak Chapter, Daytona, Fla.; guest of Sister and Brother Ballough.

Feb. 15, 1901, reorganized Seminole Chapter, Sanford, Fla.; guest of Sister and Brother Waite.

Feb. 16, 1901, held a school of instruction with Eureka Chapter, St. Petersburg, Fla., and attended a reception given me by the members in the evening.

Feb. 18, 1901, visited Queen Esther Chapter, Clearwater, Fla.; guest of Sister and Brother Law.

Feb. 23, 1901, visited Adah Chapter, Fitzgerald, Ga.; guest of the chapter.

Feb. 25, 1901, visited Columbia Chapter, Columbia, Ala.,

at 2.30 P. M. A reception was tendered me in the evening by the chapter and Masons from neighboring towns.

Feb. 27, 1901, visited Bertha Rubenstein Chapter, Andalusia, Ala.; guest of Sister Rubenstein, W. M.

Feb. 28, 1901, visited Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter, Montgomery, Ala.; guest of Sister and Brother Chambers.

Mar. 1, 1901, visited Temple Chapter, Marion, Ala., and attended a reception given me by the chapter; guest of Sister Wallace.

Mar. 4, 1901, visited Adah Chapter, Birmingham, Ala.

Mar. 5, 1901, held school of instruction with Adah Chapter, Birmingham.

Mar. 7, 1901, visited Julia Shelton Chapter, Fayette, Ala.; guest of Sister Gullett.

Mar. 8, 1901, visited Julian Chapter, Berry Station, Ala.; guest of Sister and Brother Cannon.

Mar. 9, 1901, met with the members of Corona Chapter, Corona, Ala.; guest of Brother Cunningham, G. Sec.

Mar. 14, 1901, visited Greenwood Chapter, Greenwood, S. C.; guest of Sister and Brother Durst.

Mar. 15, 1901, visited Esther Chapter, Columbia, S. C.; guest of Sister McCraney.

Apr. 23, 1901, attended a reception given the grand officers of Indiana and guests by Queen Esther and Naomi Chapters of Indianapolis.

Apr. 24, 1901, witnessed the exemplification of work by Queen Esther Chapter and the floor work by Naomi Chapter.

Apr. 26, 1901, visited Naomi Chapter, Indianapolis, Ind.; guest of Sister Ransford.

May 1, 1901, a reception was tendered me by Harmony Chapter, Salina, Kans.

May 6, 1901, visited Esther Chapter, Herrington, Kans.

May 8, 1901, witnessed exemplification of work by Adah Chapter of South Omaha and floral work by Arbor Vitæ Chapter of Fremont, Neb.

May 11, 1901, a reception was tendered me by Miriam Chapter, Emporia, Kans.; guest of Sister Gridley.

May 14, 1901, attended a reception given the grand officers of Kansas and guests by Beulah Chapter, Topeka, Kans.

May 15, 1901, witnessed exemplification of work by grand officers of Kans.

May 18, 1901, visited Queen Esther and Home Chapters of Chicago, Ill.; guest of Sister and Brother Haggard.

May 21, 1901, visited Warsaw Chapter, Warsaw, Ind.; guest of Sister and Brother Conrad.

June 4, 1901, visited Lakeside Chapter, Newport, Vt., and attended a reception given the grand officers of Vermont and guests.

June 14, 1901, visited Jessamine Chapter, Gardner, Mass.; guest of Sister and Brother Whiting.

Sept. 13, 1901, attended constitution of Jessamine Chapter, Gardner, Mass.; guest of Sister Boyce, W. M.

These pleasant occasions have taken me from home forty-two weeks and have necessitated my traveling by rail 26,330 miles.

RITUAL.

A committee of five was appointed in accordance with a vote of this body in 1898 to so revise and arrange the ritual that it may be printed in two volumes, and to report for primary action at the session in 1901. This committee have carefully attended to their duties and are ready to report. I trust that as a Grand Body we shall, when the matter is presented, consider it carefully. There are some grammatical errors that it might be well to correct, but the entire revision of the ritual means an enormous expense which I doubt if the results will justify. Many have harshly criticised the changes made a few years ago and I am certain that proposed changes would be quite as unsatisfactory to many. Our ritual in its present form contains nothing that would injure our Order should it

chance to meet the eyes of one not a member. I believe greater stress should be laid upon the guarding of our secret work. The attention of several of our states has been called to this matter and they use the secret work printed in cipher. Some states impose a fine of twenty-five dollars for the loss of a copy. In my work I have found the secret work carelessly used and in two instances it had been lost.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Aside from my personal visits, no part of my service has brought me into such close acquaintance with the members and chapters as my correspondence. Never a day without this medium of intercourse, and many with whose chirography I am familiar, though I may never meet, have with their pens flowing with love quickened much good within my heart. Each glad New Year I have sent a greeting to all our subordinate chapters under the General Grand Chapter and to the members of the General Grand Chapter, and the kind messages in return have given me new courage and greater zeal to work for our Order. Although it has taken much time to write these thousands of letters, I have been more than repaid by the friendly exchanges.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I believe the portion of my work during the past three years most appreciated has been my visits to our subordinate chapters under the General Grand Chapter. Inasmuch as my predecessor confined her visits for the most part to states and territories in the West, my especial field of labor seemed to be in the South. I have consequently visited all the chapters in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, nearly all in Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee, and a few in Virginia and

West Virginia. Previous to my visits, only three of these chapters had ever seen an officer of the General Grand. In very few of the chapters had the ritual been committed and most of them had never been instructed by anyone familiar with the work. With few exceptions I found the officers and members eager for instruction and the enthusiastic letters received from so many of these chapters since my return can but cause me to believe that my labor was not in vain.

I learned on my first visit, after examining the records of the secretaries, that something was needed to assist these officers in writing out the minutes of the meetings, as most of them were unfamiliar with work of this kind. I therefore had printed specimen records and have sent them to every chapter in my jurisdiction. Having visited these chapters and learned their circumstances and several needs, I have been much better able to advise and counsel them, hence the earlier in her term that a Most Worthy Grand Matron can visit these subordinate chapters, the greater good can she do them.

GRAND CHAPTERS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL GRAND.

Ever since our General Grand Chapter was organized the name "Independent Grand Chapters" has been given to three of our Grand Bodies, and later to a fourth. To me the word signifies little, for there is no individual nor organization that does not have to abide by laws. The unbounded prosperity of our order in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, California and other states that are charter members of the General Grand Chapter, and that have ever loyally supported it, prove that the simple ties that bind us together have not been detrimental.

We gladly welcomed in Washington the members from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and

expectantly hoped that from the good reports taken back to these states by their own representatives a complete union would be effected ere we met again. Although disappointed in a measure, not having gained the entire quartet, I am rejoiced to-day that we have with us and *of* us for the first time in our history strong, earnest members from Connecticut and Vermont. We extend to them a hearty welcome and realize that the General Grand Chapter has gained two worthy co-workers and able assistants in our work.

Heretofore the Order of the Eastern Star has been exclusively American and has been confined to the United States save a few chapters in Scotland working under Macoy rituals. Since our last meeting we have traveled north to British Columbia and westward to Hilo and Honolulu. These chapters seem quite as prosperous as any in our old Grand Chapters. Scarcely a month that encouraging letters do not reach me from the Islands and the amount of their annual dues (six dollars) is one proof that they value the Order. An account of our advance in Scotland and on other foreign soil I will leave for our Most Worthy Grand Patron. I believe the light will soon dawn upon our order embracing the whole world and of untold strength by its perfect unity, for

“what is excellent
As God lives is permanent.”

EASTERN STAR LITERATURE.

My interest in Eastern Star papers and knowledge of their benefits to others prompts me to say that all chapter members would become broader and more interested in our work if they could only be persuaded to read an Eastern Star journal. The literature of our

order is not vast. Both the "Mizpah" and the "Eastern Star," the one published in the East and the other in the West, are entirely devoted to our interests and are running over full with choice poetry, excellent cuts and interesting letters from so many chapters.

It is certainly true that as we put ourselves in touch with other chapters, our conceptions of our organization are proportionately widened. Our own little chapter may be too isolated to admit of an interchange of visits, but no chapter is so secluded that it cannot have an Eastern Star monthly and so gain new powers of truth, new visions of light and new methods of work.

Many have asked me to suggest a work wherein they could gain a knowledge of the history of our order. I gladly refer all such inquirers to the very excellent history of our order by Brother Willis D. Engle and believe every chapter should possess a copy for the use of its members.

COURTESIES RECEIVED.

I fully appreciate the honors conferred upon me by subordinate and Grand Chapters. I have received an invitation to every Grand Chapter session throughout the United States during the three years. In two or three instances I overlooked the date; aside from this I have always sent a greeting or extended it in person. In all my visits to the Grand Chapters I have been most courteously received and cordially entertained. Ofttimes a dinner or drive, a reception or boat ride has been tendered me and honorary membership has been conferred upon me by the Grand Chapters of Illinois, Maryland, Kansas, Vermont and New Hampshire. Connecticut honored me in 1899 by making me her grand representative near the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

My visits to several subordinate chapters in states having Grand Chapters have been in response to special invitations and the smiling faces and warm hand-clasps that greeted me counted even more than their elaborate banquets and other modes of entertainment. These visits afforded me an opportunity of studying the methods of work and transaction of business as performed in different states and I have been surprised at the uniformity of our work as it has come under my observation. The North and the South, the East and the West, as spoken of our Order, to me are mythical lines. I have been elected an honorary member by Arcana, New Bedford, Granite, Adelphi and Temple Chapters of Massachusetts and by Queen Esther Chapter of Chicago, Ill.

APPRECIATION.

So many have strewn my pathway with the white and crimson roses of joy that in most instances my duties have become privileges. Everywhere I have been received with the utmost fraternal kindness and I thank each individual member that has contributed a smile or kind word, all of which has enabled me to walk in paths of pleasantness and peace. Had I the pen of a ready writer, I could feebly express my thanks. With one exception I have had the pleasure of meeting all our past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, have enjoyed a pleasant correspondence with each, and their kind words of counsel have oft been appreciated.

My relations with my associate officers have been truly harmonious. They have given me able support and proven themselves worthy of your confidence. Whatever has been accomplished is the result of our united efforts.

My gratitude is especially due our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Most Worthy Grand Patron. By long connection with our Order and the General Grand Chapter, the experience of the former finds her replete with knowledge of the past. None can truly know of her faithfulness and loyalty unless officially associated with her as I have been for three years. I found in my travels that her name among the Stars was almost a household word and every chapter spoke of her interest in their behalf.

I am sure that no Most Worthy Grand Matron has had a more genial and zealous co-laborer than myself. Owing to the intervening distance, the pleasure of the personal co-operation and counsel of our brother has been denied me, but through an uninterrupted fraternal correspondence I have learned his sterling worth and true devotion to the duties of the high office he has honored the past three years. I have consulted him on all important questions and have always found him an unselfish adviser and ready assistant.

CONCLUSION.

The record is nearly finished. The three years have brought me many pleasures. Over and over again I shall live these past experiences and each time some seemingly forgotten word or look of yours will appear in memory's picture, its influence continuing on my life.

Daniel Webster once said, "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world." I have endeavored on all occasions to act not merely for the present, but, as I believe, for the future advancement and upbuilding of our Order. I have given unstintingly my best efforts in your service, and yet the results fall far below my ideal. Soon the

emblem of my authority will be entrusted to more competent, but not more willing, hands. May the pathway of my successor be fraught with the same love and good-will that has been showered upon me by our members far and near.

Travelers tell us that amidst the Arabian hills is a valley given up to the culture of odorous shrubs and spices, where the air is redolent of fragrance. Going away, the visitor finds that the perfume clings to hair and garments for days. So harmonious, uplifting and soul-inspiring may this glad triennial be that we shall go hence holding the secret of the Master's touch, our lives made fragrant with nobler and more earnest desires to bless and uplift mankind, until we shall stand in the presence of Him whose Star we have seen in the East.

“Should the gates of the Holy City
Uplift their bright, shining bars,
Ere again we hail each other,
And we pass beyond the Stars,
For each and for all, God's blessing,
God's comfort, God's love and care.
I claim in the name of the Master,
Whose banner we proudly bear.”

Fraternally yours,
HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

On motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 2:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2.30 o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding, and the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open for business.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge moved that a Committee of three be appointed, of which the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be one, to prepare a memorial on the death of Thomas E. Ercanbach, the husband of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, which was ordered.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron filled vacancies in Committees as follows:

Credentials: James B. Merritt in place of Harry B. Major.

Appeals: Mrs. Margaret Howard in place of Mrs Sarah F. Morse.

Charters: Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews in place of Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, and Nellie E. Scott in place of Mrs. Josephine Folsom.

Addresses: Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, Mrs. Ada Miller and Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, in place of the original Committee.

Deceased Members: Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel in place of Mrs. Kate C. Brechner.

ADDRESS

OF

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read his address as follows:

To the General Grand Chapter:

Because of the kindness of the sisters and brothers, I occupy a position in which it is incumbent upon me to make a report of my official acts. As it has been my lot to be associated in office with those of exceptional ability, each inclined to give the work the greatest care, best thought and most untiring energy, I am enabled to report that which is certainly very gratifying to myself.

To those who placed me in this honorable and responsible position, I give my sincere thanks, and to my associates in office, including my deputies herein-after named, in addition, my unbounded admiration.

Upon my election to the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron, and after familiarizing myself somewhat with the situation, I found it necessary, in advancing what I considered the best interests of the order, to practically "blaze the way" along several important lines. For instance,—among the changes made at your last session, the Most Worthy Grand Patron was authorized to appoint his deputies from among the sisters. I took advantage of such authorization. My deputies frequently went to new places, and desired to organize chapters. I could find no precedent by which such deputy could give our obligation, and qualify a man so that he might give such

obligation to the petitioners, and thus enable the deputy to organize the chapter.

I authorized my deputies to do just that, and but for this fact it is very doubtful whether the Grand Chapter of Arizona could have been organized.

At this point I venture my first recommendation, which is that you take such action as will allow the appointment of a sister as deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, without so qualifying such appointment that the sister deputy can be of no earthly assistance to the appointing power. If a sister deputy can secure the services of a brother, to administer the obligation, why should not such brother be appointed the deputy? As the authority now stands, it compels the Most Worthy Grand Patron to do one of three things, either one having its disagreeable features, viz:

He may live up to the requirements of the constitution, and by so doing allow his work to be greatly crippled and retarded: he may ignore such requirements, but avoid criticism for so doing by failing to make any mention thereof in his report: or, he may totally ignore such requirements, make a full report thereof, and take the consequences thereof, as I have chosen to do.

If there is any good reason why a sister is not just as well qualified to confer the obligation upon a worthy applicant as a brother, then let the constitution remain as it is; otherwise, change it so that a sister may be appointed deputy to organize chapters, without any proviso about it.

I could find no precedent for directing the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to allow the actual expenses of my deputy to go to Louisiana and Tennessee, establishing some chapters, re-organizing others, and visiting practically all chapters in Louisiana, (those in Tennessee having been visited previously by the Most

Worthy Grand Matron) but I did it, and to that circumstance alone can be attributed the fact that I was enabled to obey the direction given the Most Worthy Grand Patron at your last session, to "organize a Grand Chapter in the state of Louisiana."

In this connection I desire to say that in my opinion the heretofore prevailing custom of receiving applications from places where a reasonably well-informed member of our order does not reside, the Most Worthy Grand Patron appointing a deputy from among the applicants, expecting such deputy to organize the chapter, and instruct the members thereof, not only in the ritual, but in the ceremonies which go to make our order the really beautiful thing that it is, when such deputy himself has never received such instruction, the Most Worthy Grand Patron being sure of nothing, except that the required fee has been paid, is not only sheer nonsense, unwise and unbusinesslike, but almost—if not quite—criminal, for we receive the money, and it practically takes a microscope to discover the benefit we confer in return.

Thoroughly believing in its importance, I recommend that someone be authorized, at his or her discretion, to direct the payment from the general fund, of such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses in the organization of chapters in new territory.

Another thing might very properly be included in this same recommendation, viz:

The plan above outlined having been carried on for years, and thoroughly tested, and being largely responsible for the many defunct, dormant and extremely weak chapters to be found, especially throughout the South, I recommend that such chapters be visited by a representative of, and at the expense of the General Grand Chapter.

Such visitations should be conducted in a business-

like way, and with an eye to the balancing accounts. The visitor should be capable, not only of giving the most ample information and instructions, but should be empowered to receive delinquent dues; negotiate for the sale of supplies, and organize new chapters, covering every receipt into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter.

If so conducted, amounts will be received which would not otherwise have come to the General Grand Chapter funds, to nearly if not quite pay all expenses incurred. It is in unorganized states that I am in favor of such visitation.

I am confident that it is desirable to perfect state organization as soon as it is practicable, and that, in the organization of a chapter, it should be impressed upon the members that when five chapters have been organized in the state, it will not be optional with such chapter whether a Grand Chapter shall be organized or not; but that such chapters must hold themselves in readiness, and respond to the summons of the officer charged with that duty, whenever it is sent forth.

I make these observations because we have several states and territories in which it seems to be impossible for the chapters to agree as to when or where a convention shall be called, and because of such inability to agree, state organizations have not been affected.

In regard to the methods advisable to employ in the organization of grand chapters, I still believe the opinion expressed by me to the various deputies who have aided in carrying on this part of the work, and which we have so far as possible, or practicable, adopted, is right: That is, to give as much attention as we are able to existing chapters before such organization and preliminary thereto, instructing them thoroughly—not only regarding the ritual and formal work of the order, but the principles and tenets, of

which such work is only the outward and visible sign, thus laying a firm and business-like foundation for future progress—and leave the chapters, so strengthened, to themselves extend the number of chapters and membership in the state. I think time will attest the wisdom of this course.

Without such preliminary work, the wisdom of encouraging state organization is in many cases questionable. To illustrate, we will take the state of Louisiana, where but one chapter was organized by the General Grand Chapter for a period of more than four years prior to the visit in 1900 of Sister Kate C. Brechner of Iowa, to whom I gave full power to represent me. During such four years the charters of six chapters were surrendered and forfeited, one chapter had not held a meeting for three years, and another for ten years. These two chapters Sister Brechner reorganized, visited and encouraged others, and on October 4, 1900, organized the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, with representatives present from eight of the ten chapters then existing in the state.

On June 6, 1901, such Grand Chapter met in its second annual session—but eight months after its organization,—during which period a decided gain in membership was reported, and four new chapters had been organized, thus accomplishing in the short time stated, four times as much work as the General Grand Chapter was able to do in four years.

With my hearty approval, Most Worthy Grand Matron Ewing has made two trips through the South. The real good she was able to do in the advancement of the Order can scarcely be estimated. On her last visit, as my deputy, she organized grand chapters in Georgia and Alabama. We can rest assured that the members there were thoroughly instructed, and they may well be congratulated that it was their privilege

to have such a competent and accomplished officer with them.

It will be remembered that at your last session in 1898, there had been but one chapter organized in Arizona territory.

Within the three months immediately following, a chapter was organized at Tucson, of which Sister Annie L. Tilton was made Worthy Matron. I was so fortunate as to secure Sister Tilton to act as my deputy, in which capacity she organized four of the seven chapters organized in the territory, and on November 15, 1900, organized the Grand Chapter of Arizona, of which she was made Worthy Grand Matron. The active, persistent, intelligent enthusiasm displayed in the work by Sister Tilton is highly commendable, and if credit is due this office for work done during the term, Sister Tilton is entitled to a generous share thereof.

Although mentioned last, I have no intention or disposition of overlooking or belittling the excellent work done by our worthy brother, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron Williamson.

On the twenty-eighth of December, 1898, as my deputy, he organized the Grand Chapter of Maryland. To have brought harmony to the discordant elements there, was hardly to be expected, but he did it, and so enabled me to obey the instruction given at the last session of the General Grand Chapter concerning a grand chapter in Maryland.

Since the organization of the General Grand Chapter, there have been grand chapters of the Order existing which did not acknowledge allegiance to such General Grand Chapter. I think it true that there has not been a session since such organization that the situation has not been discussed and deplored. Officers charged with that duty have labored zealously

to have such so-called "Independent Grand Chapters" take such action that the Order might no longer appear a divided Order, but all to no avail, until during the present term. I claim no credit for what has been done, but because of the faithful endeavors of your present chief executive officer, Sister Ewing, and Right Worthy Grand Secretary Sister Pitkin, I have had the pleasure of issuing the following proclamations:

Duluth, Minn., December 18, 1900.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting :

WHEREAS, for many years a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has existed in the state of Connecticut, without an order having been promulgated in reference thereto by the General Grand Chapter, as provided in the rules and regulations established by said General Grand Chapter ; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of such Grand Chapter of the state of Connecticut, held on October 10th, 1900, after due consideration, it was voted that such Grand Chapter of Connecticut be and become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter ; and

WHEREAS, a duly attested notice of such Grand Chapter action having been by me received :

THEREFORE, I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the state of Connecticut a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest :

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette I. Burwell, Grand Matron, Winsted ; Harry A. Atwood, Grand Patron, Waterbury ; Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins, Grand Secretary, Cheshire.

Duluth, Minn., June 10, 1901.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting :

WHEREAS, for many years a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has existed in the state of Vermont without an order having been promulgated in reference thereto by the General Grand Chapter, as provided in the rules and regulations established by said General Grand Chapter : and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of such Grand Chapter of the state of Vermont, held on June 5, 1901, after regular consideration, it was voted that its constitution be amended so that the Grand Chapter of Vermont be and become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter ; and

WHEREAS, a duly attested notice of such Grand Chapter action having been received by me :

THEREFORE, I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest :

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Lou D. Clement, Grand Matron, Bradford ; J. S. Weeks, Grand Patron, Johnsbury ; Henry L. Stilson, Grand Secretary, Bennington.

At the General Grand Chapter session of 1892, the government and control of the three chapters then existing in the state of Nevada, was transferred to the Grand Chapter of California. Since such action, the Grand Chapter of California has, without any authority, assumed jurisdiction over the state of Nevada, and as appears by the Grand Chapter proceedings of 1900, has organized several chapters therein.

I called the attention of the Worthy Grand Patron of California to this matter, and it was practically agreed between us to leave it in status quo until this session of the General Grand Chapter. I cannot think it wise or proper to release jurisdiction over the state of Nevada, to California, but I do believe, and therefore recommend, that you take such action as will authorize and direct the incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron, in the name of the General Grand Chapter, to take charge and control of the existing subordinate chapters in the state of Nevada (now eight in number), and at the earliest practicable moment organize a grand chapter in that state.

In 1889 "a Grand Chapter was organized for the Indian Territory, which then embraced the geographical domain since set apart by the United States' government as the Territory of Oklahoma." The Indian Territory as it existed in 1889 was large, being fully six hundred miles from east to west, and more than three hundred miles from north to south.

In the division of the Indian Territory made by the government, the larger part thereof was designated as the Territory of Oklahoma.

At the Grand Chapter session held at Durant, August 15th-16th, 1901, jurisdiction of such Grand Chapter was released over the Territory of Oklahoma, as appears by a notice of which the following is a copy, served on me.

Judge N. A. Gearhart,
M. W. Grand Patron, O. E. S.
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Brother:—This is to certify that at the last session of the Grand Chapter, of Indian Territory, held in Durant, I. T.,

August 15th-16th, the constituent chapters located in Oklahoma Territory were released from the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, they desiring to be organized into a separate jurisdiction.

(L. S.)

CLARA A. McBRIDE,
Grand Secretary.

I recommend that you accept such notice as a release to the G. G. C. of the O. T. by instructing your incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron to organize a Grand Chapter in Oklahoma at the earliest practicable moment.

In the jurisdiction of Idaho and New Mexico, after a great amount of urging, requests for the organization of Grand Chapters have been received, but were so long delayed that I did not consider it wise to undertake such organizations, but preferred to leave such work to my successor. Upon assuming office in 1898, almost my first effort was to induce the friends in Idaho to agree on a time and place for the organization of a Grand Chapter, and at one time we went so far as to call a convention, but all to no purpose. I am entirely willing to be held responsible for omitting to call a convention at a time when my report should have been completed and in the hands of the printer.

I have constituted and caused to be instituted chapters as follows, viz :

ALABAMA.

Temple Chapter No. 7, at Marion; petition received May 26, 1899, charter granted May 27, 1899, chapter organized July 11, 1899, by J. O. Bailey, Deputy, with 42 charter members.

The Ben Bricken No. 8, at Rutledge; petition received June 23, 1899, charter granted June 26, 1899, chapter organized Sept. 2, 1899, by R. B. Bricken, Deputy, of Luverne, with 39 charter members.

Columbia No. 9, at Columbia; petition received Sept. 9, 1899, charter granted Sept. 13, 1899, chapter organized Oct. 6,

1899, by Dr. C. L. C. Atkesen, Deputy, with 29 charter members.

Elizabeth Armstrong No. 10, at Montgomery; petition received Feb. 19, 1900, charter granted Feb. 21, 1900, chapter organized March 1, 1900, by H. Clay Armstrong, Deputy, with 48 charter members.

Julian No. 11, at Berry Station; petition received Dec. 29, 1899, charter granted Dec. 30, 1899, chapter organized Jan. 27, 1900, by D. J. Gibson, Deputy, of Corona, (Past Patron) with 24 charter members.

Adah No. 12, at Birmingham; petition received March 5, 1900, charter granted March 6, 1900, chapter organized April 16, 1900, by Geo. P. Smith, Deputy, with 37 charter members.

Julia Shelton No. 13, at Fayette; petition received June 18, 1900, charter granted June 25, 1900, chapter organized Aug. 24, 1900, by D. J. Gibson, Deputy, of Corona, with 34 charter members.

Bertha Rubenstein No. 14, at Andalusia; petition received July 4, 1900, charter granted July 6, 1900, chapter organized July 20, 1900, by Dr. Malcolm Bagget, with 36 charter members.

Green Hill No. 15, at Green Hill; petition received Aug. 10, 1900, charter granted Aug. 11, 1900, chapter organized Sept. 8, 1900, by G. C. Thigpen, Deputy, with 40 charter members.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama was organized March 6, 1901, by Most Worthy Grand Matron Harriet E. Ewing, acting as Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Such Grand Chapter was recognized by the issuance of the following proclamation:

Duluth, Minn., April 1, 1901.

~~T~~all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

~~W~~HEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Alabama met in the City of Birmingham on the 6th day of March, 1901, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now

(Seal.) NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
 Most Worthy Grand Patron.
 HATTIE E. EWING.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Grand Matron, Elyton; D. J. Gibson, Grand Patron, Corona; W. M. Cunningham, Grand Secretary, Corona.

ARIZONA.

Ruby Chapter No. 3, at Winslow; charter granted June 1, 1899, chapter organized June 24, 1899, by H. A. Simms, De-

puty, with 23 charter members. Mrs Cora Penrod, W. M. Willis A. Sherwood, W. P. Mrs. Florence B. Simms, A. M.

Grand Canon Chapter No. 4, at Flagstaff; charter granted Sept. 9, 1899, chapter organized Oct. 27, 1899, by John A. Maurer, Deputy, with 28 charter members. Mrs. Louisiana Maurer, W. M. Edwin Seymour Miller, W. P. Mrs. Ora Bunch, A. M.

Phoenix Chapter No. 5, at Phoenix; charter granted Nov. 3, 1899, chapter organized Dec. 13, 1899, by Annie L. Tilton, Deputy, with 51 charter members. Mrs. Mae E. Sweatnam, W. M. John J. Sweeney, W. P. Mrs. Alice M. Morford, A. M.

Pearl Chapter No. 6, at Bisbee; charter granted Dec. 21, 1899, chapter organized Jan. 5, 1900, by Annie L. Tilton, Deputy, with 49 charter members. Mrs. Agnes S. Lavers, W. M. John G. Pritchard, W. P. Mrs. Jennie Pritchard, A. M.

Diamond Chapter No. 7, at Jerome; charter granted Feb. 21, 1899, chapter organized March 24, 1900, by Annie L. Tilton, Deputy, with 34 charter members. Mrs. Juanita C. Tarr, W. M. Charles F. Fisher, W. P. Mrs. Melvina Carrier, A. M.

White Mountain Chapter No. 8, at Globe; charter granted May 23, 1900, chapter organized June 23, 1900, by Annie L. Tilton, Deputy, with 50 charter members. Mrs. Sophia Butler, W. M. James H. Pascoe, W. P. Mrs. Sarah S. Martin, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona was organized Nov. 15, 1900, by Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron and was recognized by the issuance of the following proclamation:

Duluth, Minn., December 28, 1900.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star— Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no

Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided, and

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Arizona met in the City of Phoenix on the 15th day of November, 1900, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner, organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now,

THEREFORE: I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the Territory of Arizona duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Grand Matron, Prescott; George E. Kohler, Grand Patron, Tucson; Mrs. Lizzie D. Armstrong, Grand Secretary, Tucson.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona was organized November 15, 1900.

Chicago, January 1, 1901.

FLORIDA.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 8, at Clearwater; charter granted June 12, 1899, chapter organized Aug. 8, 1899, by H. L. Snyder, Deputy, with 45 charter members. Mrs. Ella M. Padgett, W. M. John W. Williamson, W. P. Mrs. Anna H. Williamson, A. M.

Eureka Chapter No. 9, at St. Petersburg; charter granted Dec. 27, 1899, chapter organized Feb. 15, 1900, by R. H. Padgett, of Clearwater, with 34 charter members, Mrs. Virginia Ainslie, W. M. Jason L. Taylor, W. P. Mrs. Kittie Holsouser, A. M.

De Soto Chapter No. 10, at Punta Gorda; charter granted April 27, 1900, chapter organized June 8, 1900, by J. M. Samuel, Deputy, with 39 charter members. Mrs. Bertha L. Johnson, W. M. John M. Samuel, W. P. Mrs. Leonora G. Earnest, A. M.

Friendship Chapter No. 11, at Titusville, charter granted May 16, 1901, chapter organized June 4, 1901, by James Carnell, Deputy, of Ormond, with 27 charter members. Mrs. Cora B. Schuyler, W. M. B. R. Wilson, W. P. Mrs. Josephine M. Chaffee, A. M.

GEORGIA.

Lorraine Chapter No. 10, at Tennille; charter granted Jan. 30, 1899, chapter organized April 12, 1899, by Rev. W. S. Ramsey, Deputy, with 40 charter members. Mrs. Mamie Beck, W. M. J. F. Raines, W. P. Mrs. Annie B. Jainer, A. M.

Glynn Chapter No. 11, at Brunswick; charter granted June 19, 1899, chapter organized July 11, 1899, by Harry Cassill, Deputy, with 34 charter members. Mrs. Inda White Bishop, W. M. C. D. Ogg, W. P. Mrs. Annie Houseman, A. M.

Leacy Vining No. 12, at East Point; charter granted Aug. 18, 1899, chapter organized Aug. 26, 1899, by Edward P. Wood, Deputy, with 31 charter members. Mrs. N. E. Dorsey, W. M. A. E. Cochran, W. P. Mrs. Lila L. Francis, A. M.

Cassil Chapter No. 13, at Waynesboro; charter granted Feb. 16, 1900, chapter organized March 23, 1900, by Harry Cassil of Brunswick, as Deputy, with 19 charter members,

Mrs. Inex Wilkins Jones, W. M. Wm. H. Walters, W. P.
Mrs. Lucy Jordan Blount, A. M.

Nita Cassil Chapter No. 14, at Lulaton; charter granted May 10, 1900, chapter organized May 26, 1900, by Harry Cassil, Deputy, of Brunswick, with 24 charter members. Mrs. Sallie P. Lang, W. M. D. L. Moore, W. P. Miss Maggie Raybon, A. M.

Adah Chapter No. 15, at Fitzgerald; charter granted Nov. 17, 1900, chapter organized Dec. 17, 1900, by A. W. Monroe, Deputy, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., with 33 charter members. Mrs. Mary T. Monroe, W. M. Chas. Launer, W. P. Mrs. Mary A. Green, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia was organized Feb. 21, 1901, by Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, of Orange, Mass., and recognized by the following proclamation:

Duluth, Minn., April 1, 1901.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star — Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided, and

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Georgia met in the City of Brunswick on the 21st day of February, 1901, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner, organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now,

THEREFORE: I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand

Chapter of the State of Georgia duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Lee Christie, Grand Matron, Brunswick; Ven. Harry Cassil, Grand Patron, Brunswick; Mrs. C. E. Welch, Grand Secretary, Fitzgerald.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia was organized February 21, 1901.

IDAHO.

Golden Star Chapter No. 15, at Bellevue; charter granted Jan. 30, 1899, chapter organized Feb. 17, 1899, by Sadie F. Given, Deputy, assisted by Bro. J. H. Wilber, with 31 charter members. Mrs. Elanor E. Beamer, W. M. David Whitmer, W. P. Mrs. Luella Williams, A. M.

Miriam Chapter No. 16, at Mountain Home; charter granted April 13, 1899, chapter organized June 17, 1899, by J. M. Cowen, Deputy, with 23 charter members. Mrs. Ida B. Payne, W. M. J. M. Cowen, W. P. Mrs. Laura Ake, A. M.

Queen Isabelle Chapter No. 17, at Montpelier; charter granted June 29, 1899, chapter organized Sept. 23, 1899, by O. L. Cleveland, Deputy, of Pocatello, with 26 charter members. Mrs. Minnie Roberts, W. M. Thomas Douglas, W. P. Miss Irene Douglas, A. M.

Syringe Chapter No. 18, at Harrison; charter granted March 19, 1900, chapter organized April 13, 1900, by A. A. Crane, Deputy, with 22 charter members. Mrs. Elzata Crane, W. M. Arthur W. Burleigh, W. P. Mrs. Mabel Busby, A. M.

Loyante Chapter No. 19, at Weiser; charter granted Feb. 28, 1901, chapter organized March 28, 1901, by Edward H. Galey, Deputy, with 46 charter members. Mrs. Louisa M. Rhea, W. M. E. H. Galey, W. P. Mrs. Anna B. Waterhouse, A. M.

KENTUCKY.

Esther Chapter No. 21, at Paducah; charter granted Mar. 22, 1899, chapter organized Mar. 29, 1899, by Arthur W. Spaulding, Deputy, of Chicago, with 45 charter members. Mrs. Ella T. O'Bryan, W. M. Al. E. Young, W. P. Mrs. Anna Shepherd, A. M.

Stanton Chapter No. 22, at Stanton; charter granted Jan. 4, 1900, chapter organized Feb. 16, 1900, by J. C. Lykins, Deputy, of Campton, with 27 charter members. Mrs. Bell Crow, W. M. Wm. Johnson, W. P. Mrs. Lou Forkner, A. M.

Lora Bryant Chapter No. 23, at Onton; charter granted Sept. 5, 1900, chapter organized Sept. 29, 1900, by Harry Bryant, Deputy, with 31 charter members. Mrs. Allie D. Hancock, W. M. J. B. Son, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth Nance, A. M.

Glenville Chapter No. 24, at Glenville; charter granted Apr. 22, 1901, chapter organized May 22, 1901, by B. E. Stroud, Deputy, with 31 charter members. Mrs. Attie Carpenter, W. M. B. E. Stroud, W. P. Mrs. Katie Ruby, A. M.

Ermine Ford Chapter No. 25, at Poole; charter granted July 20, 1901, chapter organized by Dr. Samuel Liles of Dixie, Ky., as Deputy, with 35 charter members. Mrs. Flora Dickey, W. M. Daniel F. Melton, W. P. Mrs. Jennie Cravens, A. M.

Grayson Chapter No. 26, at Grayson; charter granted July 20, 1901, chapter organized by G. W. Blizzard, Deputy, with 26 charter members. Mrs. Alice Harris, W. M. G. W. Blizzard, W. P. Miss Mable Mocaby, A. M.

LOUISIANA.

Rob Morris Chapter No. 1, at New Orleans; charter granted Sept. 28, 1900, chapter reorganized Sept. 28, 1900, by Miss Kate C. Brechner, Deputy, of Iowa, with 50 charter members. Mrs. Mary M. Gage, W. M. John S. Alfred, W. P. Mrs. Edna S. Rayner, A. M.

Jennings Chapter No. 15, at Jennings; charter granted Apr. 18, 1899, chapter organized May 10, 1899, by L. E. Robinson, of Welsh, with 30 charter members. Mrs. Dora C. Jaenke, W. M. Fred F. Morse, W. P. Mrs. Minnie L. Roberts, A. M.

Electa Chapter No. 16, at Alexandria; charter granted June 23, 1900, chapter organized June 29, 1900, by Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, Deputy of Iowa, with 25 charter members. Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Duncan, W. M. C. F. Crockett, W. P. Miss A. E. Lehman, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was organized Oct. 4, 1900, by Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, Deputy, of Des Moines, Ia., and recognized by the following Proclamation:

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 10, 1900.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting :

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided, and

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Louisiana met in the City of Alexandria on the 4th day of October, 1900, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner, organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now,

THEREFORE: I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution,

and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Mary S. Herring, Grand Matron, Monroe; John S. Alfred, Grand Patron, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, and Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was organized October 4, 1900.

MISSISSIPPI.

Ruth Chapter No. 6, at Okolona; charter granted Feb. 16, 1900, chapter organized Feb. 27, 1900, by Abe Steinberger, Deputy, with 35 charter members. Mrs. M. Davis, W. M. W. A. Bodenhamer, W. P. Mrs. M. A. Shell, A. M.

Rebecca Chapter No. 7, at Oxford; charter granted Mar. 25, 1901, chapter organized Apr. 15, 1901, by W. N. Hampton, Deputy, with 31 charter members. Mrs. Tulia G. Matthews, W. M. J. F. Matthews, W. P. Mrs. M. E. Keys, A. M.

MARYLAND.

Martha Washington Chapter No. 10, at Lonaconing; charter granted Dec. 20, 1898, chapter organized Dec. 22, 1898, by J. H. Graham, Deputy, with 23 charter members. Mrs. Mary E. Graham, W. M. Joseph Graham, W. P. Mrs. Mary Orr, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland was organized Dec. 23, 1898, by Mr. L. Cabell Williamson, Deputy, of Washington, D. C., and recognized by the following Proclamation :

Duluth, Minn., March 24, 1899.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting :

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided, and

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Maryland met in the city of Baltimore on the 3rd day of December, 1898, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner, organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now,

THEREFORE: I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.)

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

HATTIE E. EWING,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest :

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Margaret Meganhardt, Baltimore, Grand Matron;
William T. Lechliden, Baltimore, Grand Patron; R. M.
Coombs, 34 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland was organized December 23, 1898.

NEVADA.

Sabra Chapter No. 9, at Delmar; charter granted May 10, 1900, chapter organized June 2, 1900, by H. M. Miles, Deputy, with 39 charter members. Miss Sabra E. Turner, W. M. William Oxnam, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, A. M.

NEW MEXICO.

Rio Arriba Chapter No. 7, at Chama; charter granted May 16, 1901, chapter organized June 11, 1901, by Geo. H. Stone, Deputy, of Alamosa, Colo., with 26 charter members. Mrs. Emma LaPorte, W. M. Wilmot E. Broad, W. P. Mrs. Fannie E. Johnson, A. M.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Stonewall Chapter No. 2, at Robersonville; charter granted Feb. 19, 1900, chapter organized March 22, 1900, by J. A. Whitley, Deputy, of Everetts, N. C., with 24 charter members. Miss Nellie Simpson, W. M. Willis R. Whichard, Jr., W. P. Miss Daisy Whitley, A. M.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Electa Chapter No. 6, at Greenville; charter granted August 7, 1899, chapter organized Jan. 16, 1900, by Byron Holley, Deputy, with 39 charter members. Mrs. Mamie B. Carpenter, W. M. Curran B. Earle, W. P. Mrs. Walter W. Briggs, A. M.

Esther Chapter No. 7, at Columbia; charter granted Aug. 16, 1900, chapter organized Oct. 17, 1900, by M. H. Witt, Deputy, with 44 charter members. Miss Julia McCraney, W. M. J. F. Ensor, W. P. Mrs. C. B. Wooten, A. M.

Electric City Chapter No. 8, at Anderson; charter granted Sept. 11, 1900, chapter organized Sept. 21, 1900, by Oscar

Geisberg, Deputy, with 96 charter members. Mrs. D. Ellen Coffee, W. M. E. W. Taylor, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth Bleckley, A. M.

TENNESSEE.

Bethpage Chapter No. 11, at Bethpage; charter granted May 27, 1899, chapter organized Aug. 27, 1899, by W. C. Nimno, Deputy, with 38 charter members. Mrs. Julia Gaines, W. M. E. A. Woodson, W. P. Mrs. G. T. Yates, A. M.

Kingston Chapter No. 12, at Kingston; charter granted Aug. 26, 1899, chapter organized Sept. 11, 1899, by J. B. Goodwin, Deputy, with 30 charter members. Mrs. Varina D. Burke, W. M. J. B. Goodwin, W. P. Miss Rose Crumbliss, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee was organized Oct. 18, 1900, by Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, Deputy, of Des Moines, Iowa, and was recognized by the following Proclamation:

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 15, 1900.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided, and

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Tennessee met in the City of Nashville on the 18th day of October, 1900, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner, organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof, now

THEREFORE: I, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand

Chapter of the State of Tennessee duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(Seal.) NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
HATTIE E. EWING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Grand Matron, Nashville;
W. F. Foster, Grand Patron, Nashville; Mrs. Mary R. Forbes,
Grand Secretary, Nashville.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee was organized October
18, 1900.

UTAH.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, at Ogden; charter granted
Dec. 25, 1899, chapter organized Jan. 22, 1900, by S. McDowall,
Deputy, of Salt Lake City, with 41 charter members. Mrs.
Catherine Toponce, W. M. Herbert R. Macmillan, W. P.
Mrs. Cora S. Brough, A. M.

VIRGINIA.

Ruth Chapter No. 8, at Richmond; charter granted June,
22, 1899, chapter organized June 24, 1899, by Chas. A. Nesbitt,
Deputy, with 24 charter members. Mrs. J. M. Clift, W. M.,
Samuel R. Crowder, W. P. Mrs. E. L. Roden, A. M.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Athens Chapter No. 3, at Athens; charter granted Nov.
14, 1899, chapter organized Dec. 2, 1899, by W. C. Hedeick,
Deputy, with 20 charter members. Mrs. Mamie Gore, W. M.
D. H. Thornton, W. P. Mrs. Mamie Fortney, A. M.

Esther Chapter No. 4, at Welch; charter granted Feb. 15, 1901, chapter organized.....1901, by W. O. Perry, Deputy, with 29 charter members. Mrs. Jennie Payne, W. M. W. Burbridge, W. P. Mrs. Ada Greenawalt, A. M.

Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, at Hinton; charter granted March 7, 1901, chapter organized March 28, 1901, by W. C. Hedrick, Deputy, of Athens, W. Va., with 30 charter members. Mrs. Alice L. Pope, W. M. T. O. Flannagan, W. P. Mrs. Minnie L. Cox, A. M.

Augusta Chapter No. 6, at Mannington; charter granted July 5, 1901, chapter organized.....1901, by Henry Bostock, Deputy, of Pendleton, Indiana, with 32 charter members. Mrs. Delia H. Huey, W. M. James B. Marr, W. P. Mrs. Minerva C. Debendarfer, A. M.

WYOMING.

Mystic Chapter No. 8, at Green River; charter granted Aug. 11, 1898, chapter organized Aug. 20, 1898, by Dr. E. P. Rohrbaugh, Deputy, of Cheyenne, with 23 charter members. Mrs. J. F. Snyder, W. M. R. B. Abbott, W. P. Mrs. G. Y. Candish, A. M.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, at Rossland; charter granted May 3, 1899, chapter organized June 8, 1899, by John A. J. Moore, Deputy, with 42 charter members. Mrs. Kittie E. Brislow, W. M. John A. J. Moore, W. P. Mrs. Eleanor Jacobs, A. M.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, at Hilo; charter granted March 15, 1899, chapter organized June 3, 1899, by John U. Smith,

Deputy, with 34 charter members. Mrs. Nova Galbraith, W. M. Philip Peck, W. P. Mrs. Mattie E. Smith, A. M.

Leahi Chapter No. 2, at Honolulu; charter granted Feb. 26, 1901, chapter organized March 30, 1901, by C. A. Galbraith, Deputy, with 62 charter members. Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Grant, W. M. Louis Theodore Grant, W. P. Mrs. Emma L. R. Crabbe, A. M.

INDIA.

The Pioneer Chapter No. 1, at Benares; charter granted Oct. 30, 1899, chapter organized March 12, 1900, by T. E. Madden, Deputy with 8 charter members. Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Madden, W. M. Travers Edward Madden, W. P. Miss Lilian E. M. Madden, A. M.

SCOTLAND.

Dundee Chapter No. 1, at Dundee; charter granted May 28, 1901, chapter organized May 28, 1901, by Alonzo J. Burton, Deputy, of New York City, with 24 charter members. Mrs. Jane Baxter, W. M. Stewart Hardie Stewart, W. P. Miss Jane Maclean, A. M.

Aberdeen Chapter No. 2, at Aberdeen; charter granted May 28, 1901, chapter organized May 28, 1901, by Alonzo J. Burton, Deputy, of New York City, with 13 charter members. Mrs. Agnes McDonald, W. M. William Walker, W. P. Mrs. Jessie McRobbie, A. M.

Thus it will be seen that we have organized sixty-four (64) chapters, with a chapter membership of two thousand one hundred and eighty-five (2,185) in sixteen (16) states and three territories, and in British Columbia, India and Scotland, and have organized Grand Chapters and so released jurisdiction over five

states and one territory, viz.: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Tennessee and Arizona.

The appointment as my deputy of Brother A. L. Burton of New York, and giving him the broad field of Scotland, was a fortunate circumstance. In reference to the importance of his work there, I venture the suggestion that if the organization in Scotland of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star indicates the breaking-down of the conservatism which characterizes all Masonic action in the countries under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, we may well rejoice, for they view with alarm any attempt at an innovation, to such a degree that it must be gratifying to know that our Order has so commended itself to Scottish Masons that they are willing to adopt it in connection with their Masonic work. The wedge has been entered, and there is little doubt but that the Order will appeal to their good judgment, and I shall be mistaken if they do not fall heartily into the spirit of the institution.

"Masonry of Adoption," the general name in the old countries for that branch of masonry to which women were admitted, was a different institution, with different aims and objects from those of the Order of the Eastern Star, and from all accounts the privilege was at times abused, and the craft did not receive a great amount of credit by reason of its connection. But our Order is of a different character, and its object cannot but appeal to anyone imbued with the true principles of craft masonry. I will be surprised if the charitable and humane tendencies of English, Irish and Scotch Masonry does not naturally adapt itself to this new adjunct.

I am sure that you will pardon me if I say that your officers feel proud of their record. We are especially proud to be the first to report the extension

of our Order beyond the limits of the United States, and we hope that the good work may go on until our beloved Order has become truly universal.

During the term many acts have been performed officially not enumerated herein, a recital of which would extend this report to that extent that I have concluded to omit them and refer you to the report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for particulars thereof. Suffice it to say that I have endeavored to perform every requirement of my office promptly, and to the best of my ability.

As in the beginning, so in closing, I thank you sincerely for the honor you conferred on me three years ago. More efficient officers than our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ewing, and our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Pitkin, cannot well be found, and it is one of the joys of my life that I have been associated in the work with them.

I relinquish this office without one regret except my inability to serve you better, and wishing you all every happiness, and my successor abundant success, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

On motion, the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Magie, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which upon motion of A. C. Northrup was adopted as far as read, and the committee was granted further time in which to complete the report:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully report the following as present and entitled to seats and votes in the General Grand Chapter:

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, M. W. Grand Matron.
 Nathaniel A. Gearhart, M. W. Grand Patron.
 Mrs. Laura B. Hart, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
 L. Cabell Williamson, R. W. Associate Grand Patron
 Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, R. W. Grand Conductress
 Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, R. W. Associate Grand Con

ductress.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Worthy Grand Esther.
 Mrs. Emogene Williams, Worthy Grand Martha.
 Mrs. Almer A. Piper, Worthy Grand Electa.
 Robert F. Kerr, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
 Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Worthy Grand Marshal.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Elmira Foley,	Mrs. Nettie Ransford,
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge.

ALABAMA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Grand Matron.

ARIZONA.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Grand Matron.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Julia M. Gill, Grand Matron.
 Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, Past Grand Matron.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Kate S. Rowe, proxy for the Grand Matron.
Ernest W. Conant, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Kate E. Boyd, proxy for the Assoc. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Catharine E. Merritt, proxy for the A. G. Patron.
Mrs. Maria A. Pierce, Past Grand Matron.
James B. Merritt, Past Grand Patron.
Harrison D. Rowe, Past Grand Patron.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, proxy for the Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Barry, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary D. Carr, Past Grand Matron.

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs. Harriet I. Burwell, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Hattie L. Ewen, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Addie C. S. Engle, Past Grand Matron.
Edward M. Platt, Past Grand Patron.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Grand Matron, and proxy for the Grand Patron.
Mrs. Blanche Okey, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
B. A. Allen, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Willie R. Messenger, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Carrie B. Allen, Past Grand Matron.
John F. O'Neill, Past Grand Patron.

GEORGIA.

Mrs. Lee Christie, Grand Matron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Lottie J. Wiley, Grand Matron, and proxy for the Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. May Chapman, Past Grand Matron.

INDIANA.

Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, Grand Matron.

Dr. Stephen M. Bennett, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

A. W. Byers, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron.

Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron.

Chas. B. Stemen, Past Grand Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for the Grand Matron.

IOWA.

Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary B. Rathbun, Past Grand Matron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Grand Matron.

Arthur Edson, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Dilla Bittel, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Arklin Edson, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Emma W. Port, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Elizabeth Magie, Past Grand Matron.

Alfred Whitman, Past Grand Patron.

MARYLAND.

Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel, Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Maggie E. Schaefer, Associate Grand Matron, and proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Past Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Mattie L. Partridge, Grand Matron.

Henry B. Worth, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary E. Fitch, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Past Grand Matron.

Joseph W. Hill, Past Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Grand Matron.

A. C. Northrup, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Hattie C. Derthick, Associate Grand Matron.

William E. Brown, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Eliza J. Barber, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ida J. Martin, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lida A. Pratt, Past Grand Matron.

William F. King, Past Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Carrie W. McCauley, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ida M. Brown, proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.

Wilford C. Wilson, Associate Grand Patron.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Ella Jean Flanders, Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Dr. W. F. Kuhn, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Annie Goodrich, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Louise Mathews, Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Henry M. Hurd, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Angelina Whitmarsh, Past Grand Matron and proxy
for Associate Grand Matron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Miss Susan M. Mann, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ella M. Stone, Past Grand Matron.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Nellie E. Scott, Grand Matron.

OHIO.

Mrs. Kate H. Kile, Associate Grand Matron and proxy
for Grand Matron.

Charles A. Eckert, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ada E. Gaskell, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Williams, Past Grand Matron.

Robert T. King, Past Grand Patron.

John Blyth, Past Grand Patron.

Dr. Chas. A. Eckert, Past Grand Patron.

OREGON.

Mrs. M. Annette Weatherford, Past Grand Matron
and proxy for the Grand Matron.

George M. Hyland, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, Past Grand Matron and proxy for
Associate Grand Matron.

John Vert, Past Grand Patron and proxy for Associate
Grand Patron.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Past Grand Matron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, Grand Matron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Emogene Williams, Past Grand Matron and proxy
for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron.

S. Penrose Williams, Past Grand Patron and proxy for
the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Grand Matron and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

TENNESSEE.

Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Sterling M. Price, Associate Grand Patron.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Past Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

VERMONT.

Henry L. Stillson, Past Grand Patron and proxy for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen C. Cole, Associate Grand Matron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Belle W. Bliss, Grand Matron.

W. F. Carle, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Hannah Barker, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Adency Irons, Past Grand Matron.

Miss Annie Phillips, Past Grand Matron.

WYOMING.

Mrs. Ada Miller, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS,

Mrs. Margaret Howard, representative of Leahi Chapter No. 2 of Honolulu.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELIZABETH MAGIE,
MRS. ANNIE L. TILTON,
JAMES B. MERRITT.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, then submitted her report as follows, which upon motion was referred to the Committee of Finance:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I come to you a fourth time to render an account of the stewardship which you have so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and with a deep sense of the continued confidence expressed by the action of this Body, I submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements, from the 15th of July, 1898, to the 15th of July, 1901, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

Accounts receivable July 15, 1898.....	\$ 1,275.88
Rituals.....	7,680.76
Dues.....	2,625.84
Signets.....	1,460.90
Charter fees, net.....	985.00
Representative Appointment blanks.....	221.40
Charter blanks.....	185.78
Report blanks.....	76.15
Rules, Regulations and By-laws.....	47.87
Dispensations.....	36.55
Receipts for Dues, Grand.....	17.75
Petitions for Dispensations.....	16.06
Music.....	11.10
Treasurer's Receipts, Grand.....	9.00
Warrants, Grand.....	8.00
Test Oaths.....	5.85
Funeral Ceremonies.....	2.90
Dimits, Grand.....	.20
Postage and express from Grand Chapters.....	115.87
Refund of mileage, G. G. C., (Mrs. Haggard, Ill.).....	8.10
Refund of mileage, G. G. C., (Mrs. Barney, Mo.).....	17.61
Refund on bill overpaid last term.....	12.50
From sale of letter-press (Mrs. Partridge).....	2.00
Electros.....	8.50
Stationery and Printing.....	1.50
Total receipts.....	\$14,826.52

AMOUNTS DUE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Alabama	\$	38.92	
Arkansas		78.25	
California		18.00	
Connecticut		25.00	
Georgia		20.60	
Indian Territory		164.14	
Michigan		118.55	
Minnesota		58.50	
Montana		2.50	
Ohio		54.12	
Pennsylvania		5.00	
Tennessee		23.61	
Bertha Rubenstein		2.25	
Bardwell Chapt., Ky.		16.85	
Temple Chapt., Ala.		8.75	
Dundee Chapt., Scotland ..		15.00	
Leahi Chapt., H. I.		9.00	
Adah Chapt., Ala.		3.00	
Phoenix Chapt., Ari.24	647.28
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			\$14,179.24

MISCELLANEOUS LOSSES.

19 Rituals, returned	14.25	
8 Signets, returned	4.50	
6 Charters, returned	1.25	
40 Rules and Regulations, returned	2.40	
39 Old Rituals, exchanged	21.50	
Duplicate and lost supplies	32.48	76.38
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Total cash receipts		\$14,102.86
On hand July 15, 1898		4,209.62
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		\$18,312.48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and appropriations of 1898:

Mileage	\$ 1,433.85
Appropriation, Mrs. Partridge	800.00
Expenses, Mrs. Partridge	233.35
Appropriation, Mr. Hinds, (\$300 less postage and stationery, \$44.50)	255.50
Expenses, Mr Hinds	53.52

Rent of Hall	\$100.00	
Miscellaneous expenses.....	221.72	
Bank loss	909.88	\$4,007.82
Salary R. W. G. Secretary, three years.....		8,000.00
Postage		449.60
Express		312.20
Stationery and printing:		
Envelopes.....	\$ 63.03	
• Paper	75.31	
Charter blanks, G. G. C.	55.00	
Miscellaneous stationery and printing	293.52	486.86
2,500 Proceedings of 1898		470.26
Rituals.....		1,293.50
Signets		350.15
Charter blanks		156.93
Representative appointment blanks		105.00
Report blanks		50.00
Rules, Regulations and By-laws		25.00
Dispensations		14.00
Receipts for Dues, Grand.....		12.50
Petitions for Dispensation		11.25
Insurance		10.00
Warrants, Grand		4.50
Electrotypes		4.25
Test Oaths.....		3.00
Dimits, Grand.....		2.88
Treasurer's Receipts, Grand		2.10
Traveling expenses of M. W. Grand Matron.....		344.91
Postage, Stationary and Miscellaneous expenses...		204.57
Traveling and Misc. expenses of M.W.Grand Patron		105.40
Expenses Mrs. Brechner, Dep. M. W. Grand Patron		145.45
Traveling and Misc. expenses of R. W. Grand Secretary.....		143.15
Repairing surrendered paraphernalia.....		1.28
Miscellaneous		4.95
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Rent	\$ 540.00	
Stenographer.....	529.10	
Telephone.....	180.00	
Remington Typewriter	82.50	
Miscellaneous	198.99	1,530.59
		\$13,251.60
Cash on hand July 15, 1901		5,060.88
Total receipts.....		\$18,312.48

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand.....	\$ 1,391.12
Due from Grand Chapters and others.....	647.28
Cash on hand	5,060.88
Total assets	\$ 7,099.28
Total cash on hand	\$ 5,060.88

STOCK ON HAND.

75 Rituals, gilt	\$ 17.75
1119 Rituals, cloth.....	119.88
1823 Petitions for Dispensation	10.25
476 Dimits, Grand	2.26
897 Signets, mounted.....	142.93
7 Signets, unmounted	1.68
1794 Charter blanks	148.52
598 Funeral Ceremonies.....	6.64
617 Rules and Regulations	9.38
875 By-laws.....	15.42
3721 Report blanks	46.51
88 Receipts for Dues, Grand.....	11.00
2 Treasurer's Receipts, Grand .....	.87
2476 Representative Appointment blanks.....	87.16
683 Dispensations	9.56
1500 Test Oaths	2.25
86 Badges.....	7.20
Office Furniture.....	267.30
Electro plates, Rituals.....	472.27
Electro plates, Report blanks	17.50
	\$ 1,391.12

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTED MATTER.

First and Third Session Proceedings.....	76.00
Second Session Proceedings	58.85
Fourth Session Proceedings	114.00
Fifth Session Proceedings.....	121.60
Sixth Session Proceedings.....	116.85
Seventh Session Proceedings.....	276.80
Eighth Session Proceedings	372.60
Ninth Session Proceedings (1425).....	268.05
Miscellaneous consumable matter.....	100.00
Proceedings, bound	28.00
Total	\$1,532.25

Of the Accounts Receivable on the 15th of July, 1901, the Grand Chapters of California, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Ohio and Pennsylvania have paid their indebtedness. Bertha Rubenstein, Temple and Adah Chapters of Alabama, Phoenix Chapter of Arizona and Leahi Chapter, H. I., have also paid.

The General Grand Chapter closed its last session without providing for printing its Proceedings, and upon approval of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2,500 copies were printed.

All moneys have been promptly forwarded to the R. W. Grand Treasurer. The "Contingent Expense Account" which was reported at the last session, has been continued with the approval of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron, and the same manner of paying small bills has also been continued during this term.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Jule Foster Chapter No. 5, Darien, Ga., made their report to 1900, paid all dues and sent their charter and signet to me with the request that we issue dimits to the following named members: Mrs. Ada Clark Barker, Mrs. Louise Holmes Garfield, Mrs. Mary Ann Bailey, Alice Emma Collar, Bertram Hamilton Garfield, Arthur Bailey, Oliver Earl Collar. Dimits were issued Sept. 28, 1899.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 12, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, made their report to January 1, 1901, paid all dues and reported their charter and effects destroyed by fire, requesting that we issue dimits to the following named members: Mrs. Violet E. Brophy, Mrs. Jessie Hackett, Mrs. Medora Kuch, Mrs. Bessie Morris, Mrs. Mary Mason, Mrs. Mary Morris, Mrs. Clara McBee, Mrs. Clara Parsons, Mrs. Frances Rollins, Mrs. Margia Russell, Mrs. Dena Roper, Mrs. Hattie

J. Smith, Mrs. Annetta Snyder, Mrs. Tressa Waters, Miss Ethel Waters, Mrs. Mary Wright, Chas. H. Clayton, John E. Daily, Herman Kuch, David Mason, Robert Morris, Edwin McBee, Ludwig Roper, George Ritchey. Dimits were issued Jan. 9, 1901.

Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas, La., made their report to January 1, 1901, paid 1900 dues and sent their charter and signet to me, with the request that we issue dimits to the following named members: Mrs. G. W. Hudspeth, Mrs. A. M. Butler, Mrs. J. Meyers, Mrs. Addie Thompson, Mrs. Joe Block, Mrs. W. W. Price, Mrs. I. E. Shute, Mrs. F. G. Marks, Mrs. O. H. Terwilliger, Mrs. J. T. Skipper, Mrs. A. C. Grey, Mrs. Sadora Way, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. C. Roos, Miss G. Hebrard, Miss Josie Williams, Miss Mary Littell, Miss Minnie Pulford, Miss Nettie Pulford, Miss S. Hudspeth, Miss M. M. Hayes, Miss Adah Butler, Miss Lizzie Butler, Miss Daisy Thompson, Miss Julia Bloch, Miss Effie Ealer, Miss Fannie Loeb, Miss Pauline Isaac, Miss Alice Hinkley, Miss Annie Hinkley, I. Roos, I. E. Shute, J. Meyers, W. Guslinski, J. L. Cain, S. Butler, Lee Butler, W. M. Crawford, S. L. Hebrard, T. C. Gibbons, L. Sanmonson, B. A. Littell, J. T. Skipper, Henry Roos, Julius Meyers, Isaac Roos, George Pulford, Dr. R. M. Littell, O. H. Terwilliger, Nathan Way, John Jacob, Max Klaus, Maurice Depres. These were issued August 3, 1900.

Good Intent Chapter No. 13, Kentwood, La., made their report to Jan. 1, 1900, paid all dues and surrendered their charter to me, and dimits were issued to the following named members: Alice Amacker, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Theresa Kent, Mrs. Kate Kent, Catharine Kent, Mrs. Susan Kent, Mrs. May Preston, Clara Preston, Mrs. Mary Smithers, Mrs. Cassie Wolver, Sam Amacker, John Hudgens, Walter Kent, Amos Kent.

Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga, Tenn., made their report to Jan. 1, 1901, paid all dues and surrendered their charter to me, and dimits were issued to the following named members: Mrs. J. D. Cook, Miss Mamie Riddle, Mrs. B. L. Shehee, Miss Nina Williams, Mrs. Ida M. Mattice, George E. Mattice, A. C. Faust.

The above dimits were all issued under the direction of the M. W. Grand Matron.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs, Fla., surrendered its charter Dec. 10, 1900, but paid no dues, so no dimits were issued.

Golden Rule Chapter Nor 5, London, Ky., surrendered its charter Jan. 2, 1901. No dues were paid and no dimits were issued.

Stonewall Chapter No. 2, Robersonville, North Carolina, surrendered its charter Apr. 9, 1901. No dues were paid and no dimits were issued.

CHARTERS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar, Nevada, was issued a duplicate charter July 11, 1901, the original one having been destroyed by fire.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven, Miss., reported their charter and effects destroyed by fire, March 22, 1899. No new charter has been issued, as the Chapter was reported dormant.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Water Valley Chapter No. 5, at Water Valley, Miss., made a request that the name of their Chapter be changed to that of W. F. Cole, which request was unanimous, and was referred to the M. W. Grand Patron who approved the same.

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT.

Delinquent Chapters appear under the list of Subordinate Chapters which follows, and need not be repeated here.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, WITH NUMBER OF CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP AND AMOUNT OF DUES PAID.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson—

Charter granted March 31, 1891.

Dormant. Dues unpaid since 1893.

29 Members, 1894.

Corona Chapter, No. 2, Corona—

Charter granted June 30, 1895.

Dues paid, 1898..... \$ 3.25

Dues paid, 1899..... 3.75

Dues paid, 1900..... 4.00

Dues paid, 1901 (two months)80—\$ 11.80

19 Members, 1901.

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Lewisburg—

Petition received October 30, 1895.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

21 Charter members, 1895.

Fellowship Chapter No. 4, Gordo—

Charter granted January 2, 1897.

Dues paid, 1898..... 9.20

Dues paid, 1899..... 8.50

Dues paid, 1900..... 7.75— 25.45

81 Members, 1901.

Florence Chapter No. 5, Florence—

Charter granted March 16, 1897.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

25 Charter members.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 6, Trussville—

Charter granted July 28, 1897.

Dues paid, 1898..... 5.50

Dues unpaid, 1899..... ---

Dues unpaid, 1900 ---— 5.50

22 Members, 1898.

Temple Chapter No. 7, Marion—			
Charter granted May 27, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899 (six months)	5.25		
Dues paid, 1900	10.75		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.80—	17.80	
42 Members, 1901.			
The Ben Bricken Chapter No. 8, Rutledge.			
Charter granted June 26, 1899—			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
39 Charter members.			
Columbia Chapter No. 9, Columbia—			
Charter granted September 13, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899 (three months)	1.69		
Dues paid, 1900	6.50		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.15—	9.34	
27 Members, 1901.			
Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter No. 10, Montgomery—			
Charter granted February 21, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900 (ten months)	9.68		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.75—	11.43	
42 Members, 1901.			
Julian Chapter No. 11, Berry Station—			
Charter granted December 30, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1900	5.75		
Dues unpaid, 1901 (two months) .....	.96—	6.71	
28 Members, 1901.			
Adah Chapter No. 12, Birmingham—			
Charter granted March 6, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900 (nine months)	16.20		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	5.55—	21.75	
88 Members, 1901.			
Julia Shelton Chapter No. 13, Fayette—			
Charter granted June 25, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900 (five months)	3.85		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	2.65—	6.50	
26 Members, 1901.			
Bertha Rubenstein Chapter No. 14, Andalusia—			
Charter granted July 6, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900 and 1901 (eight months)	5.67—	5.67	
86 Members, 1901.			

Green Hill Chapter No. 15, Green Hill—		
Charter granted August 11, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900 (four months).....	3.67	
Dues paid, 1901 (two months).....	1.83—	5.50
44 Members, 1901.		

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott—		
Charter granted February 6, 1882.		
Dues paid, 1898.....	13.00	
Dues paid, 1899.....	13.00	
Dues paid, 1900.....	11.00—	37.00
44 Members, 1900.		

Arizona Chapter No. 2, Tuscon—		
Charter granted November 19, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1899.....	20.75	
Dues paid, 1900.....	22.00—	42.75
96 Members, 1901.		

Ruby Chapter No. 3, Winslow—		
Charter granted June 1, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899 (six months).....	4.50	
Dues paid, 1900.....	11.75—	16.25
47 members, 1900.		

Grand Canon Chapter No. 4, Flagstaff—		
Charter granted September 9, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899 (three months).....	1.82	
Dues paid, 1900.....	7.10—	8.92
81 Members, 1900.		

Phoenix Chapter No. 5, Phoenix—		
Charter granted November 3, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899 (two months).....	2.25	
Dues paid, 1900.....	17.00—	19.25
77 Members, 1900.		

Pearl Chapter No. 6, Bisbee—		
Charter granted December 21, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1900.....	12.00—	12.00
48 Members, 1900.		

Diamond Chapter No. 7, Jerome—		
Charter granted February 21, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900.....	6.75—	6.75
27 Members, 1900.		

White Mountain Chapter No. 8, Globe—		
Charter granted May 23, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900 (six months).....	7.50—	7.50
60 Members, 1900.		

FLORIDA.

Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka—		
Charter granted October 23, 1898.		
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.		
61 Members, 1898.		
Tropical Chapter No. 3, Bartow—		
Charter granted December 18, 1894.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
51 Charter members.		
Inverness Chapter No. 4, Inverness—		
Charter granted April 12, 1895.		
Dormant. No dues paid since 1895.		
50 Members, 1895.		
Live Oak Chapter No. 5, Daytona—		
Charter granted December 31, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1898	9.50	
Dues paid, 1899	8.75	
Dues paid, 1900	6.75—	25.00
27 Members, 1900.		
Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford—		
Charter granted July 12, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	6.25	
Dues unpaid, 1899		
Dues unpaid, 1900	—	6.25
25 Members, 1898.		
Dolores Chapter No. 7, New Smyrna—		
Charter granted May 4, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1898	3.84	
Dues paid, 1899	6.25	
Dues paid, 1900	4.75—	14.84
19 Members, 1900.		
Queen Esther Chapter No. 8, Clearwater—		
Charter granted June 12, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899	3.13	
Dues paid, 1900	8.75—	11.88
35 Members, 1900.		

Eureka Chapter No. 9, St. Petersburg—
 Charter granted December 27, 1899.
 Dues paid, 1900 ----- 9.00— 9.00
 36 Members, 1900.

De Soto Chapter No. 10, Punta Gorda—
 Charter granted April 27, 1900.
 Dues paid, 1900 ----- 5.10— 5.10
 84 Members, 1900.

Friendship Chapter No. 11, Titusville—
 Charter granted May 16, 1901.
 27 Charter members.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia—
 Charter granted September 21, 1891.
 Dormant. No dues paid since 1892.
 35 Members, 1892.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion—
 Charter granted March 10, 1892.
 Dormant. No dues paid since 1895.
 74 Members, 1895.

Martha Chapter No. 3, Hahira—
 Charter granted December 9, 1895.
 Dormant. No dues ever paid.
 25 Charter members.

Ruth Chapter No. 4, Harmony—
 Charter granted June 9, 1896.
 Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.
 29 Members, 1897.

Jule Foster Chapter No. 5, Darien—
 Charter granted January 2, 1897.
 Dues paid, 1898 ----- 1.75
 Dues paid, 1899 ----- 1.75— 3.50
 Charter surrendered September 28, 1899. Seven dimits issued.
 7 Members, 1899.

Electa Chapter No. 6, Atlanta—			
Charter granted June 12, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	37.75		
Dues paid, 1899	31.75		
Dues paid, 1900	31.00		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	5.00—	105.50	
103 Members, 1901.			
Doric Chapter No. 7, Cohutta—			
Charter granted March 21, 1898.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
80 Charter members.			
Reba May Chapter No. 8, Woodbine—			
Charter granted April 6, 1898.			
Dues paid, 1898	3.00		
Dues paid, 1899	6.25		
Dues paid, 1900	8.25		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.62—	19.12	
39 Members, 1901.			
Tilton Chapter No. 9, Tilton—			
Charter granted June 18, 1898.			
Dues paid, 1898	5.75		
Dues paid, 1899	11.25		
Dues paid, 1900	9.00		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.50—	27.50	
36 Members, 1901.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 10, Tennille—			
Charter granted January 30, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	9.75		
Dues paid, 1900	16.75		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	5.59—	32.09	
67 Members, 1901.			
Glynn Chapter No. 11, Brunswick—			
Charter granted June 19, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	4.75		
Dues paid, 1900	14.50		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	2.38—	21.63	
57 Members, 1901.			
Leacy Vining Chapter No. 12, East Point—			
Charter granted August 18, 1899.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
1 Charter members.			

Cassil Chapter No. 13, Waynesboro—		
Charter granted February 16, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900 and 1901	5.50—	5.50
22 Members, 1900.		

Nita Cassil Chapter No. 14, Lulaton—		
Charter granted May 10, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900 (eight months)	5.17	
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	1.29—	6.46
31 Members, 1901.		

Adah Chapter No. 15, Fitzgerald—		
Charter granted November 17, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1901 (two months)	2.89—	2.89
68 Members, 1901.		

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City—		
Charter granted March 18, 1886.		
Dues paid, 1898	16.00	
Dues paid, 1899	18.25	
Dues paid, 1900	14.50—	43.75
58 Members, 1900.		

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello—		
Charter granted August 16, 1888.		
Dues paid, 1897 (rec. October 10, 1898)	18.00	
Dues paid, 1898	8.50	
Dues paid, 1899	10.00	
Dues paid, 1900	12.00—	48.50
48 Members, 1900.		

Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion—		
Charter granted April 25, 1890.		
Dues paid, 1898	18.00	
Dues paid, 1899	12.25	
Dues paid, 1900	12.75—	38.00
51 Members, 1900.		

Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City—		
Charter granted December 29, 1891.		
Dues paid, 1898	11.00	
Dues paid, 1899	10.25	
Dues paid, 1900	9.25—	30.50
37 Members, 1900.		

Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston—			
Charter granted June 6, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1898	16.75		
Dues paid, 1899	17.00		
Dues paid, 1900	17.50—	51.25	
70 Members, 1900.			
Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City—			
Charter granted March 23, 1893.			
Dues paid, 1898	14.75		
Dues paid, 1899	14.25		
Dues paid, 1900	14.75—	43.75	
59 Members, 1900.			
Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow—			
Charter granted February 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	15.75		
Dues paid, 1899	16.75		
Dues paid, 1900	19.00—	51.50	
76 Members, 1900.			
Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace—			
Charter granted February 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	10.00		
Dues paid, 1899	10.25		
Dues paid, 1900	12.00—	32.25	
48 Members, 1900.			
Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11, Grangeville—			
Charter granted December 30, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	8.25		
Dues paid, 1899	8.25		
Dues paid, 1900	9.25—	25.75	
37 Members, 1900.			
Queen Esther No. 12, Coeur, d'Alene—			
Charter granted January 22, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1898	7.00		
Dues paid, 1899	6.25		
Dues paid, 1900	6.00—	19.25	
24 Members, 1900.			
Laurel Chapter No. 13, Lewiston—			
Charter granted April 9, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	13.00		
Dues paid, 1899	14.25		
Dues paid, 1900	20.50—	47.75	
82 Members, 1900.			

Esther Chapter No. 14, Blackfoot—			
Charter granted March 28, 1898.			
Dues paid, 1898	5.07		
Dues paid, 1899	7.50		
Dues paid, 1900	8.50—	21.07	
34 Members, 1900.			
Golden Star Chapter No. 15, Bellevue—			
Charter granted January 30, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	9.00		
Dues paid, 1900	9.50—	18.50	
88 Members, 1900.			
Miriam Chapter No. 16, Mountain Home—			
Charter granted April 13, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	2.50		
Dues paid, 1900	6.25—	8.75	
25 Members, 1900.			
Queen Isabelle Chapter No. 17, Montpelier —			
Charter granted June 29, 1899.			
Dues paid 1899	1.92		
Dues paid, 1900	7.75—	9.67	
31 Members, 1900.			
Syringa Chapter No. 18, Harrison—			
Charter granted March 19, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900	5.13—	5.13	
27 Members, 1900.			
Loyante Chapter No. 19, Weiser—			
Charter granted February 28, 1901.			
46 Charter members.			

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven—			
Charter granted June 14, 1899.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898	7.25—	7.25	
29 Members, 1898.			
Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton—			
Charter granted May 30, 1893.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
25 Charter members.			

Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green—

Charter granted June 17, 1893.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.

20 Members, 1896.

Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel—

Charter granted July 28, 1893.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

40 Charter members.

Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion—

Charter granted August 3, 1894.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

27 Charter members.

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mt. Vernon—

Charter granted October 22, 1894.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

40 Charter members.

Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton—

Charter granted November 16, 1894.

Dues paid, 1898 ----- 14.75

Dues paid, 1899 ----- 14.75

Dues paid, 1900 ----- 14.00— 43.50

56 Members, 1900.

Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup—

Charter granted January 17, 1895.

Dues paid, 1898 ----- 8.75

Dues paid, 1899 ----- 7.00

Dues paid, 1900 ----- 6.50— 22.25

26 Members, 1900.

Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg—

Charter granted June 12, 1895.

Dues paid, 1898 ----- 7.50

Dues paid, 1899 ----- 4.61— 12.11

18 Members, 1899.

Lorraine Chapter No. 12, Owenton—

Charter granted October 8, 1895.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

80 Charter members.

Bardwell Chapter No. 13, Bardwell—			
Charter granted February 11, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
81 Charter members.			
Silver Star Chapter No. 14, Morehead—			
Charter granted July 9, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.			
44 Members, 1896.			
Bristow Chapter No. 15, Erlanger—			
Charter granted July 23, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.			
29 Members, 1897.			
Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove.			
Charter granted February 4, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.			
27 Members, 1897.			
Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton—			
Charter granted March 19, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	11.75		
Dues paid, 1899	11.50		
Dues paid, 1900	9.25—	32.50	
87 Members, 1900.			
Martha Pitman Chapter No. 18, Pittsburg—			
Charter granted June 24, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
40 Charter members.			
Ruth Chapter No. 19, Gravel Switch—			
Charter granted September 23, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	12.25		
Dues paid, 1899	12.00		
Dues paid, 1900	10.00—	34.25	
40 Members, 1900.			
Webb Chapter No. 20, Newcastle—			
Charter granted February 9, 1898.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
32 Charter members.			
Esther Chapter No. 21, Paducah—			
Charter granted March 22, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	14.81		
Dues paid, 1900	20.25—	35.06	
81 Members, 1900.			

Stanton Chapter No. 22, Stanton—
Charter granted January 4, 1900.
Dues paid, 1900 ----- 18.00— 18.00
52 Members, 1900.

Lora Bryant Chapter No. 23, Onton—
Charter granted September 5, 1900.
Dues paid, 1900 (four months)----- 2.92— 2.92
85 Members, 1900.

Glenville Chapter No. 24, Glenville—
Charter granted April 22, 1901.
81 Charter members.

Ermine Ford Chapter No. 25, Poole—
Petition received July 11, 1901.
85 Charter members.

Grayson Chapter No. 26, Grayson—
Petition received July 15, 1901.
26 Charter members.

LOUISIANA.

Rob Morris Chapter No. 1, New Orleans—
Charter granted September 28, 1900. (Reorganized.)
50 Charter members.

Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welsh—
Charter granted June 30, 1890.
Dues paid, 1897, 1898, 1899 ----- 22.75
Dues paid, 1900 ----- 6.75— 29.50
84 Members, 1900.

Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville—
Charter granted October 13, 1891.
Dormant. No dues ever paid.
88 Charter members.

Mt. Carmel Chapter No. 4, Florien—
Charter granted October 20, 1891.
Dormant until 1900, when it was reorganized.
Dues paid, 1900 (nine months)----- 3.57— 3.57
19 Members, 1900.

St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph—			
Charter granted September 12, 1892.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
25 Charter members.			
Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe—			
Charter granted October 15, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1898	17.00		
Dues paid, 1899	11.50		
Dues paid, 1900	8.50—	87.00	
45 Members, 1900.			
Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City—			
Charter granted December 18, 1893.			
Dues paid, 1898	11.25		
Dues paid, 1899	12.75		
Dues paid, 1900	10.30—	34.30	
55 Members, 1900.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas—			
Charter granted May 7, 1894.			
Dues paid for 1900 only, (53 dimits)	19.75—	19.75	
Charter surrendered June 13, 1900.			
53 Members, 1900.			
Harmony Chapter No. 9, Coushatta—			
Charter granted April 18, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	6.75		
Dues paid, 1899	8.25		
Dues paid, 1900	6.20—	21.20	
33 Members, 1900.			
Evangeline Chapter No. 10, Farmerville—			
Charter granted June 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	6.75		
Dues paid, 1899	9.00		
Dues paid, 1900	6.75—	22.50	
36 Members, 1900.			
Good Intent Chapter No. 13, Kentwood—			
Charter granted August 23, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1898	7.25		
Dues paid, 1899	3.50—	10.75	
Charter surrendered August 14, 1899. 14 dimits issued.			
14 Members, 1899.			

Gordy Chapter No. 14, Ruston—

Charter granted February 8, 1896.

Dues paid, 1898	11.00	
Dues paid, 1899	8.50	
Dues paid, 1900	7.05—	26.55

34 Members, 1900.

Jennings Chapter No. 15, Jennings—

Charter granted April 18, 1899.

Dues paid, 1899 (eight months).....	4.17	
Dues paid, 1900 (nine months)	5.44—	9.61

29 Members, 1900.

Electa Chapter No. 16, Alexandria—

Charter granted June 23, 1900.

Dues paid, 1900 (three months)	3.00—	3.00
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46 Members, 1900.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore—

Charter granted April 26, 1880.

Dues paid, 1898	31.25—	31.25
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125 Members, 1898.

Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore—

Charter granted May 20, 1895.

Dues paid, 1898	19.50—	19.50
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78 Members, 1898.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Hagerstown—

Charter granted February 19, 1896.

Dues paid, 1898	14.75—	14.75
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59 Members, 1898.

Baltimore Chapter No. 4, Baltimore—

Charter granted February 25, 1896.

Dues paid, 1898	14.50—	14.50
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58 Members, 1898.

Concordia Chapter No. 5, Baltimore—

Charter granted February 24, 1897.

Dues paid, 1898	27.75—	27.75
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111 Members, 1898.

Pentalpha Chapter No. 6, Savage—		
Charter granted Feb. 27, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	11.50—	11.50
46 Members, 1898.		
Ruth Chapter No. 7, Hyattsville—		
Charter granted April 9, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	9.75—	9.75
89 Members, 1898.		
Monumental Chapter No. 8, Baltimore—		
Charter granted April 9, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	11.25—	11.25
45 Members, 1898.		
Mizpah Chapter No. 9, Frederick—		
Charter granted June 28, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	22.75—	22.75
91 Members, 1898.		
Martha Washington Chapter No. 10, Lonaconing.		
Charter granted December 20, 1898.		
Nothing due.		
28 Charter members.		

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven—		
Charter granted April 30, 1895.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
80 Charter members.		
Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport—		
Charter granted Feb. 2, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1900	6.25—	6.25
25 Members, 1900.		
Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson—		
Charter granted May 17, 1897.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
24 Charter members.		
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, McComb City—		
Charter granted March 28, 1898.		
Dues paid in part for 1898	6.80—	6.80
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.		
46 Members, 1898.		

W. F. Cole Chapter No. 5, Water Valley—

Charter granted June 2, 1898.

Dues paid, 1898	5.50	
Dues paid, 1899	16.00	
Dues paid, 1900	17.00—	38.50

68 Members, 1900.

Ruth Chapter No. 6, Okolona—

Charter granted February 16, 1900.

Dues paid, 1900 (ten months)	18.02 —	18.02
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62 Members, 1900.

Rebecca Chapter No. 7, Oxford—

Charter granted March 25, 1901.

31 Charter members.

NEVADA.**Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar—**

Charter granted May 10, 1900.

Dues paid, 1900, (seven months)	5.40—	5.40
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36 Members, 1900.

NEW MEXICO.**Queen Esther Chapter No. 9, Raton—**

Charter granted November 5, 1888.

Dues paid, 1898	13.50	
Dues paid, 1899	15.00	
Dues paid, 1900	15.00—	43.50

60 Members, 1900.

Ransford Chapter No. 2, E. Las Vegas—

Charter granted July 29, 1891.

Dues paid, 1898	22.00	
Dues paid, 1899	22.50	
Dues paid, 1900	23.00—	67.50

92 Members, 1900.

Silver City Chapter No. 8, Silver City—

Charter granted Feb. 10, 1893.

Dues paid, 1897 (rec. January 6, 1899)	17.00	
Dues paid, 1898	18.00	
Dues paid, 1899	19.00	
Dues paid, 1900	18.75—	72.75

75 Members. 1900.

Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown—		
Charter granted March 10, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1897 (rec. January 25, 1899)-----	5.50	
Dues paid, 1898 -----	5.50—	11.00
22 Members, 1898.		
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque—		
Charter granted September 22, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1898 -----	13.00	
Dues paid, 1899 -----	10.50	
Dues paid, 1900 -----	10.00—	33.50
40 Members, 1900.		
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Deming—		
Charter granted December 11, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898 -----	6.75	
Dues paid, 1899 -----	8.00	
Dues paid, 1900 -----	8.00—	22.75
82 Members, 1900.		
Rio Arriba Chapter No. 7, Chama—		
Charter granted May 16, 1901.		
26 Charter members.		

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove—	
Charter granted July 30, 1890.	
27 Charter members.	No dues ever paid.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vance Chapter No. 2, Vance—		
Charter granted October 8, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1898 -----	6.00	
Dues paid, 1899 -----	6.00	
Dues paid, 1900 -----	4.25—	16.25
17 Members, 1900.		
Lilly of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg—		
Charter granted July 6, 1896.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
20 Charter members.		

Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood—		
Charter granted April 26, 1897.		
Dues paid for 1900	11.00—	11.00
44 Members, 1900.		
Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree.		
Charter granted October 22, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	4.50—	4.50
18 Members, 1898.		
Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville—		
Charter granted August 7, 1899.		
Organized January 16, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1900	11.75—	11.75
44 Members, 1900.		
Esther Chapter No. 7, Columbia—		
Charter granted August 16, 1900.		
44 Charter members.		
Electric City Chapter No. 6, Anderson—		
Charter granted September 11, 1900.		
96 Charter members.		

TENNESSEE.

East Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville—		
Charter granted March 6, 1893—		
Dues paid, 1898	18.25	
Dues paid, 1899	18.25	
Dues paid, 1900	11.87—	48.37
57 Members, 1900.		
Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga—		
Charter granted December 5, 1893.		
Dues paid, 1898	8.00	
Dues paid, 1899	1.75	
Dues paid, 1900	1.75—	11.50
Charter surrendered June 7, 1900. 7 dimitts issued.		
7 Members, 1900.		
McKinnon Chapter No. 3, McKinnon—		
Charter granted June 18, 1894.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
31 Charter members.		

Wayland Springs No. 4, Wayland Springs—		
Charter granted December 15, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1900	4.50—	4.50
18 Members, 1900.		
Esther Chapter No. 5, Bagdad—		
Charter granted July 16, 1880.		
Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.		
58 Members, 1896.		
Olive Leaf Chapter No. 6, Dickson—		
Charter granted October 12, 1896.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
20 Charter members.		
Rock City Chapter No. 7, Nashville—		
Charter granted Feb. 15, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	14.50	
Dues paid, 1899	16.75	
Dues paid, 1900	12.80—	43.55
59 Members, 1900.		
Hurricane Chapter No. 8, Hurricane—		
Charter granted June 22, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	11.25	11.25
45 Members, 1898.		
Elmwood Chapter No. 9, Elmwood—		
Charter granted July 28, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	12.00	
Dues paid, 1899	12.50	
Dues paid, 1900	10.40—	34.90
50 Members, 1900.		
Amanda Chapter No. 10, Crosseville—		
Charter granted March 21, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1898	5.98	
Dues paid, 1899	11.25	
Dues paid, 1900	10.95—	28.18
54 Members, 1900.		
Bethpage Chapter No. 11, Bethpage—		
Charter granted May 27, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899	3.66	
Dues paid, 1900	9.70—	18.36
47 Members. 1900.		

Kingston Chapter No. 12, Kingston—**Charter granted August 26, 1899.**

Dues paid, 1899	2.67	
Dues paid, 1900	7.08—	9.75

84 Members, 1900.**UTAH.****Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City—****Charter granted June 6, 1892.**

Dues paid, 1898	31.00	
Dues paid, 1899	29.75	
Dues paid, 1900	30.00—	90.75

120 Members, 1900.**Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City—****Charter granted April 21, 1894.**

Dues, 1898	(remitted.)	
Dues paid, 1899	13.00	
Dues paid, 1900	13.00—	26.00

52 Members, 1900.**Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City.****Charter granted May 17, 1897.**

Dues paid, 1898	6.50	
Dues paid, 1899	6.75	
Dues paid, 1900	8.50—	21.75

36 Members, 1900.**Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Ogden—****Charter granted December 25, 1899.**

Dues paid, 1900	18.00—	18.00
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72 Members, 1900.**VIRGINIA.****Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock—****Charter granted March 30, 1896.**

Dues paid, 1898	4.50	
Dues paid, 1899	4.75—	9.25

19 Members, 1899.**Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg—****Charter granted March 30, 1896.**

Dues paid, 1898	7.25	
Dues paid, 1899	6.75	
Dues paid, 1900	5.00—	19.00

20 Members, 1900.

Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah—			
Charter granted August 14, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1898	7.50		
Dues paid, 1899	7.75		
Dues paid, 1900	6.25—	21.50	
25 Members, 1900.			
 Botetourt Chapter No. 4, Gloucester—			
Charter granted November 20, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.			
31 Members, 1896.			
 Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray.			
Charter granted February 10, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	13.50		
Dues paid, 1899	10.50—	24.00	
42 Members, 1899.			
 Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni—			
Charter granted July 22, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1898	6.00		
Dues paid, 1899	7.50		
Dues paid, 1900	5.50—	19.00	
22 Members, 1900.			
 Magdalene Chapter No. 7, Stanley—			
Charter granted November 13, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.			
17 Members, 1897.			
 Ruth Chapter No. 8, Richmond—			
Charter granted June 22, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1899	5.88		
Dues paid, 1900	17.75—	23.63	
71 Members, 1900.			

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling.			
Charter granted April 20, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1898	11.50		
Dues paid, 1899	9.00—	20.50	
36 Members, 1899.			

Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo—		
Charter granted February 25, 1896.		
Dues paid, 1898	8.75—	8.75
85 Members, 1898.		
Athens Chapter No. 3, Athens—		
Charter granted February 14, 1899.		
20 Charter members. No dues paid.		
Esther Chapter No. 4, Welch—		
Charter granted February 16, 1901.		
29 Charter members.		
Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, Hinton—		
Charter granted March 7, 1901.		
80 Charter members.		
Augusta Chapter No. 6, Mannington—		
Charter granted July 5, 1901.		
82 Charter members.		

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie—		
Charter granted August 5, 1880.		
Dues paid, 1898	12.50—	12.50
69 Members, 1898.		
Naomi Chapter No. 2, Sheridan—		
Charter granted March 3, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1898	7.44—	7.44
42 Members, 1898.		
Olivet Chapter No. 3, Lander—		
Charter granted May 14, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1898	8.25—	8.25
44 Members, 1898.		
Fort Casper Chapter 4, Casper—		
Charter granted November 16, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1898	14.20—	14.20
81 Members, 1898.		
Electa Chapter No. 5, Sundance—		
Charter granted July 29, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1898	6.45—	6.45
88 Members, 1898.		

Oak Leaf Chapter No. 6, Cheyenne—		
Charter granted May 17, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	8.85—	8.85
50 Members, 1898.		
Wyoming Chapter No. 7, Rawlins—		
Charter granted November 19, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1898	7.26—	7.26
41 Members, 1898.		
Mystic Chapter No. 8, Green River—		
Charter granted August 11, 1898.		
Nothing due.		
28 Charter Members.		

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland—		
Charter granted May 3, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899	6.86	
Dues paid, 1900	19.75—	26.61
79 Members, 1900.		

HAWAII ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. I, Hilo.		
Charter granted March 15, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1899	6.00	
Dues paid, 1900	13.25—	19.25
52 Members, 1900.		
Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu.		
Charter granted February 28, 1901.		
62 Charter members.		

INDIA.

The Pioneer Chapter No. 1, Benares.	
Charter granted October 30, 1899.	

Total—\$2,625.84

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters July 15, 1898	119
Less number entered twice	2—117
Number of Chapters organized since above date to July 15, 1901.....	64—181

Number of Chapters released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Alabama, March 6, 1901	15	
" " Arizona, Nov. 15, 1900	8	
" " Georgia, Feb. 21, 1901	14	
" " Louisiana, Oct. 4, 1900	12	
" " Maryland, Dec. 23, 1898	10	
" " Tennessee, Oct. 18, 1900	11	
" " Wyoming, Sept. 14, 1898	8	
Charters surrendered	8	
Total Chapters remaining		95

Membership released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:

Alabama	524	
Arizona	480	
Georgia	647	
Louisiana	444	
Maryland	675	
Tennessee	473	
Wyoming	888	3,581
8 Chapters surrendered during this term, with number of dimits issued		105
Total Membership released		3,686
95 Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Total membership.... 5,835		
Number of members paying dues to the General Grand Chapter for 1900 and 1901	4,389	
Charter members for 1901	343	
3,216 Chapters in 35 Grand Chapters, which are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter	201,786	
181 Chapters in New Jersey and New York	11,901	
3,492 Chapters, with total membership of		218,319

RITUALS.

Rituals on hand July 15, 1898, cloth	5,746	
" " " " gilt	49	
" purchased since above date	10,273	
" returned	19	
Total to be accounted for		16,087

Rituals sold	14,800	
“ on hand, cloth	1,119	
“ “ gilt	75	
“ old, exchanged	39	
“ duplicate orders and miscellaneous loss	54	
Total accounted for		16,087

PAYMENT OF MILEAGE.

The General Grand Chapter at its last session ordered “That all officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in actual attendance at this session be allowed mileage at the rate of three cents one way, for all distances traveled in excess of five hundred miles,” and the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to pay the same, making up the amounts from the book used by the United States Army and Navy Paymasters. However, we found that this was not practicable, as the distances were given only to the various Forts, and after some delay and in the course of our inquiries as to the best method to pursue, Mr. George F. Lee, the Chicago Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, very kindly offered to have the expert of the company, who is detailed for this particular work, take my list of members of the General Grand Chapter, to which he affixed the number of miles each person traveled, and from that list the mileage was paid by check and warrant drawn to my order for the amount.

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Grand Matron of Illinois, and Mrs. Mattie Barney, Grand Matron of Missouri, returned their checks, stating that their respective Grand Chapters had paid their expenses, and the amounts were returned to the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

Grand Chapter of Maryland, at Baltimore, December 23, 1898.
Grand Chapter of Louisiana, at Alexandria, October 4, 1900.
Grand Chapter of Tennessee, at Nashville, October 18, 1900.
Grand Chapter of Arizona, at Phoenix, November 15, 1900.
Grand Chapter of Georgia, at Brunswick, February 21, 1901.
Grand Chapter of Alabama, at Birmingham, March 6, 1901.

Official recognition notices were issued regarding the organizations of the above Grand Chapters, under authority of Mr. N. A. Gearhart, M. W. Grand Patron, and they will be reported by him.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming was organized Sept. 14, 1898 and was reported by Mr. H. H. Hinds, the M. W. Grand Patron, at the last session of the General Grand Chapter in 1898 and officially recognized in executive session by the adoption of a resolution presented by the Jurisprudence Committee. At that time, however, the dues had not been received from the different Chapters, hence they appear in the list of dues received this term from the subordinate chapters.

CONNECTICUT AND VERMONT.

On November 30, 1900, official notice was received at this office from Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins, Grand Secretary of Connecticut, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, stating that at its annual session held Oct. 10, 1900, at New Haven, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut had adopted a report of a Committee appointed at the previous session, thus declaring its desire to become a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter.

On June 10, 1901, Henry L. Stillson, Grand Secretary, notified this office that at the 29th Annual Convocation of Vermont, held at Newport, June 5, 1901, a proposed amendment to the Constitution was

adopted, Vermont thereby declaring itself in favor of becoming a part of the General Grand Chapter. This amendment was presented at the previous session, that the members might fully understand its import before taking action.

These communications were immediately forwarded to Mr. N. A. Gearhart, M. W. Grand Patron, who instructed me to formally issue the proper recognition notices, which declared the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Vermont constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.

NEW TERRITORY.

As a matter of pride, I take pleasure in reporting that the Order has been introduced into India, British Columbia, Hawaiian Islands, and Scotland. The conditions in the last named jurisdiction are such that it will take a little time to unite the interests there. The Sisters and Brothers in that distant country have manifested in all their correspondence much enthusiasm and an earnest desire to unite under one authority and organize a Grand Chapter, and we have every reason to believe that this will be done during the coming year.

The thanks of the General Grand Chapter are due Mr. Alonzo J. Burton of New York who visited Scotland last spring and gave us material and valuable assistance looking purely to the interests of the General Grand Chapter.

TEST OATH.

A copy of the Test Oath has been sent to all Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with the blank reports annually.

SECRET WORK.

Several of the Grand Chapters use the Secret Work in cipher, while others prefer it printed in full, and we have furnished it to Grand Chapters as they wish it.

PETITIONS FOR CHARTER.

There have been sixty-four petitions for charter received at this office since July 15, 1898, one of which was granted by Mr. H. H. Hinds, M. W. Grand Patron, and reported by him at the last session. Sixty-three charters have been issued under the authority of Mr. N. A. Gearhart, M. W. Grand Patron, and they will appear in full in his report.

After the Convention had been called to organize the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, a petition was received October 16, 1900, from Mr. W. J. Traverse, Worshipful Master of Tullahoma Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Tullahoma, Tenn., with charter fee of \$20, and the same was held until official notice was received from Mrs. Brechner, Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron, that such organization had taken place. The petition for charter and fee was then sent to the Grand Patron, Mr. W. F. Foster, on October 22, 1900, to be turned over to the Grand Secretary.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the General Grand Chapter to decide upon the time and place of meeting, reported through the office of the M. W. Grand Matron, May 28, 1900, that the place of meeting would be Detroit, Mich., and the time of meeting was decided upon later, due notice having been given to the Order at large.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. F. King, Chairman of the Triennial Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Michigan, this beautiful Hall was secured from the Masonic Temple Association of Detroit for our meeting.

Under instructions I wrote the several Grand Chapters calling attention to the necessity of each Grand Chapter taking action and providing for the expense of their representatives to the sessions of the General Grand Chapter.

A communication was received from Mrs. Elva Boardman, Grand Secretary of Montana, under date of October 12, 1899, with copy of resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter of Montana, September 22, 1899, relative to the action of the General Grand Chapter at its last session wherein it ruled, "that all printed matter between the covers of the Ritual shall be considered as law and binding upon all Grand Chapters." This communication has been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, through the M. W. Grand Matron.

After the General Grand Chapter had purchased the Signets, I thought it might be best to make the price of same to Grand Chapters upon the same basis as the Rituals were sold them. This was at a time when we were trying to create a revenue from the sale of small supplies, and hoping that all Grand Secretaries would patronize this office for the benefit of the General Grand Chapter. This matter was referred to the Committee on Finance, and it made no report. At the close of the last session of the General Grand Chapter, we decided to put the Signets back to their former price, prepaying postage and express, and to require Grand Secretaries to pay the express on Rituals. In many instances I have been able to save something on express charges under the *special prepaid*

rate, and have done so, charging Grand Secretaries in their accounts the amount of the express, and thus appears under my Receipts, the item of *postage and express*.

REVENUE.

Six jurisdictions have been released during this term, which means that all charter fees and dues will in the future go into the treasury of the respective Grand Chapters organized. The Chapters in New Mexico desire a Convention called October 22, 1901, at Albuquerque, to organize a Grand Chapter, and the Chapters in Idaho were anxious to organize a Grand Chapter this month, but there was not sufficient time to do so before this session convened, and necessary action will be taken by the Chapters there to organize as soon as possible. I have called the attention of the Finance Committee to this particular interest, and trust that it will look into the needs of the General Grand Chapter, for its future good and prosperity.

I would recommend that the dues of the following named Chapters be remitted:

Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford, Florida, for 1899 and 1900.

Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport, Miss., for 1898 and 1899.

Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah, for 1898.

The last named Chapter lost all its effects by fire, and we believe that this assistance to it and the others will give them new life and materially benefit them.

By reference to the last Proceedings you will find that when the General Grand Chapter closed its Session, only a few dollars remained in the treasury. We could not have printed the Proceedings but for the generous action of the Representatives from California,

who declined to accept mileage. I realized the Sisters and Brothers had lifted a burden from me, in assuming the Bank Loss for the General Grand Chapter.

This expression of their love and confidence sank deep into my heart which I appreciated, and desire to give public expression of my gratitude here. As your financial agent, I also realized that earnest, honest work must be done to save the General Grand Chapter from financial embarrassment. It takes courage and a genuine love for the Order to *feel* responsible for the financial success of the General Grand Chapter, and this I have felt especially during this term.

Over two years ago I asked the Most Worthy Grand Matron to give me help in the office. At that time she was not sure that the work and prosperity of the Order demanded it. I knew that there were not days enough in the week to meet the pressing demand. The correspondence grew burdensome and took the very life and vitality, leaving little courage to devote to Ways and Means necessary to develop the Order, and extend it into new territory. We provided ourselves with the necessary assistance, and with every encouragement from our superior officers, we found our usual courage, and began our work in earnest.

When I closed my books on July 15, 1901, I realized the full fruition of our fondest hopes, which was to be able to notify the Grand officers that I had over \$5000.00 in the Treasury, not a bill to pay, and some bills receivable. I had determined to reach that limit,—it meant work—work night and day. The Most Worthy Grand Matron was satisfied that the Order had reaped the benefit of the expense above referred to, and ordered the amount paid.

The financial success of this term could not have reached its present condition but for the perfect harmony of action of our official heads, Mrs. Hattie E.

Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and N. A. Gearhart, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Their unselfish loyalty to the best interests of the Order; the encouragement and confidence they have given me in conducting the financial affairs of the General Grand Chapter, has carried forward this successful issue.

The members of the Order may point with pride to the fact that it is the only fraternal organization of which the Supreme Body is self supporting, and it depends upon your judgment and discretion to secure for us future prosperity and perpetuity.

The very life of the Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter depend upon our getting near them. I keep in touch with the Secretaries in furnishing them Rituals, and giving such information as they may seek, but that is the practical side of the matter and lacks interest. There is nothing so inspiring to Chapters as to be expecting a visit from a Grand Officer. This I am sure of from personal experience, and my correspondence with the Secretaries during the past two winters, when our present Most Worthy Grand Matron visited through the South, was very much in evidence.

The Chapters visited the last two terms seem more alive to the work, it is much easier to collect their dues, and they seem to have caught new life and inspiration.

At every Session of the General Grand Chapter but one, since 1878, you have elected me to some position of trust. Twelve years ago, when you elected me for the second time, after an interval of six years I found—

696 Chapters in 16 Grand Chapters owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter with a membership of..	33,567
39 Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, Membership.....	2,013
90 Chapters in Conn., Vt., N. J., and New York	5,300
Total Membership.....	40,880

I bring to you in this report the glad tidings, that we have a total Membership of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Two, in Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Chapters, including New York and New Jersey. This will be augmented somewhat, as the reports given by some of the Grand Secretaries will show an increase when the year is up and the reports are received from the Subordinate Chapters.

Thankful indeed to my superior officers for the true courtesy they have ever tendered to me; to the members of the Order at large, who have for many years given me so generously of their confidence and love, I can only assure them of my heart's gratitude by continued fidelity to the Order that has been a part of my life for nearly Thirty-Five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine J. Pitkin,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

H. H. Williams of Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu, was escorted to the East by the Worthy Grand Marshal.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, then submitted her report as follos, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

July 27, 1898.	To cash on hand from last report.....	\$ 4,209.62
Nov. 4, "	Rec'd from Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	1,089.88
Jan. 2, 1899.	" " "	360.81
Feb. 6, 1899.	" " "	508.27
Mar. 1, "	" " "	268.65
April 4, "	" " "	186.65
May 6, "	" " "	175.69
July 8, "	" " "	367.35
July 15, "	" " "	134.88
Aug. 1, "	" " "	282.08
Sept. 4, "	" " "	132.50
Oct. 2, "	" " "	417.21
Nov. 1, "	" " "	670.09
Dec. 2, "	" " "	146.35
Jan. 1, 1900.	" " "	801.82
Feb. 6, "	" " "	845.97
Mar. 8, "	" " "	450.00
April 8, "	" " "	410.23
May 2, "	" " "	424.97
July 6, "	" " "	556.14
Aug. 2, "	" " "	244.79
Oct. 11, "	" " "	644.65
Nov. 1, "	" " "	1,149.88
Dec. 25, "	" " "	537.64
Jan. 21, 1901.	" " "	369.45
Feb. 18, "	" " "	519.80
Mar. 18, "	" " "	510.01
April 15, "	" " "	514.58
May 8, "	" " "	207.11
June 13, "	" " "	670.55
July 2, "	" " "	199.87
Aug. 1, "	" " "	1,355.14

Total Receipts \$18,812.48

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS.

Oct. 1, 1898.	No. 839.	Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Mileage-----	\$ 34.41
" 1, "	" 840.	Mrs. M. E. Teachum, Services -----	25.00
" 1, "	" 841.	Mrs. Madeline Conkling, Mileage-----	88.97
" 1, "	" 842.	Mrs. Jennie Bradley, Mileage-----	37.58
" 1, "	" 843.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Appropriation	500.00
" 1, "	" 844.	Noble D. Lamer, Rent -----	100.00
" 1, "	" 845.	Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Mileage-----	80.10
" 1, "	" 846.	Wm. L. Boyden, Services -----	80.00
15, "	" 847.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary from July 15, 1898, to Sept. 30, 1898, inclusive -	208.82
" 22, "	" 848.	H. H. Hinds, Appropriation \$255.50, Expenses to Washington ----\$53.52	309.02
" 24, "	" 849.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Appropriation, G. G. C.-----	533.85
Nov. 4, "	" 850.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Appropriation----	500.00
" 4, "	" 851.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct.---	88.88
" 4, "	" 852.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Current Expenses and Mileage -----	500.00
" 26, "	" 853.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mileage-----	1,100.40
Dec. 2, "	" 857.	Anderson Co-operative Printing Co., Printing -----	300.00
" 2, "	" 858.	Anderson Co-operative Printing Co., Printing -----	103.50
" 3, "	" 855.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov.---	88.88
" 19, "	" 856.	R. Nevirs, Printing-----	85.71
" 31, "	" 854.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec.---	88.88
Jan. 4, 1899.	" 859.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Ex- penses -----	500.00
Feb. 6, "	" 860.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan.---	88.88
" 6, "	" 861.	Anderson Co-operative Printing Co., Printing -----	221.76
Mar. 6, "	" 862.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb.---	88.88
April 3, "	" 863.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March -	88.88
May 2, "	" 865.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April --	88.88
" 10, "	" 866.	Carqueville Lithographic Co., Print- ing Signets -----	850.15
June 7, "	" 867.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May---	88.88
July 5, "	" 868.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June---	88.88
Aug. 1, "	" 864.	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Car Fare and Sleeper from Orange to Chicago and Return -----	44.00

Aug. 1, 1899.	No. 869.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Expenses -----	\$ 500.00
" 1, "	" 370.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July ---	83.33
Sept. 5, "	" 371.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Aug --	83.33
Oct. 2, "	" 372.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Sept...	83.33
Nov. 1, "	" 374.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Bank Loss, ordered Sept., 1898 -----	409.88
" 1, "	" 375.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct....	83.33
Oct. 16, "	" 376.	Anderson Co-operative Co., Printing..	73.00
Dec. 4, "	" 377.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov...	83.33
Nov. 25, "	" 378.	Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, Remington Standard Typewriter -----	82.50
Dec. 28, "	" 379.	Robert Stewart, Rituals. -----	663.50
Jan. 8, 1900.	" 378.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec. '99.	83.33
Feb. 7, "	" 380.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan.	83.33
Mar. 2, "	" 381.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Acc't.	300.00
" 2, "	" 382.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb....	83.33
April 3, "	" 383.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March..	83.33
May 3, "	" 385.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April ..	83.33
" 7, "	" 384.	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Traveling Exp.	125.80
" 29, "	" 386.	Carqueville Lith. Co., Charter Blanks	211.93
June 1, "	" 387.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May ---	83.33
July 5, "	" 388.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June...	83.33
" 5, "	" 389.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Exp...	300.00
Aug. 2, "	" 390.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July ---	83.33
Sept. 5, "	" 392.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Aug ---	83.33
Oct. 9, "	" 393.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Sept...	83.33
Nov. 1, "	" 394.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct....	83.33
Aug. 4, "	" 391.	Anderson Co-operative Printing Co., Printing -----	130.00
Nov. 8, "	" 396.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Acc't..	300.00
Dec. 5, "	" 395.	Robert Stewart, Printing -----	689.15
" 5, "	" 397.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Nov....	83.33
Jan. 8, 1901.	" 398.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec. 1900	83.33
Feb. 2, "	" 399.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan.	83.33
Mar. 2, "	" 400.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb....	83.33
" 30, "	" 401.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Exp...	300.00
" 30, "	" 402.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March..	83.33
April 6, "	" 403.	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Traveling Exp.	175.11
May 4, "	" 404.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April..	83.33
June 5, "	" 405.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May ---	83.33
July 9, "	" 406.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June ---	83.33
Aug. 1, "	" 407.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Stenographer, from Sept. 1, 1899, to July 15, 1901 -----	465.00

Aug. 1, 1901. No. 408. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July 1-15	\$ 41.79
" " " 409. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Exp...	86.83
Total	\$18,251.60

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand from last report.....	\$ 4,209.63
Received from R. W. Grand Secretary.....	14,102.86
Total	\$18,312.48
Total Expenditures.....	13,251.60
Balance, Cash on hand.....	\$ 5,060.88

Fraternally submitted,

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Anamosa, Ia., Aug. 1st, 1901.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Ella Bigelow of Marlboro, Massachusetts, Mrs. Lou D. Clement, Grand Matron of Vermont, and Mrs. Clara A. Marsden, Grand Matron of Oregon, which were ordered noted on the Minutes.

A communication was read by the R. W. Grand Secretary from the Grand Chapter of Oregon, in reference to the Memorial from Texas, referring to the printing of the Rituals in two books, which, upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Some discussion was held regarding the eligibility of adopted daughters and half-sisters, and upon motion of Willis D. Engle, the question was to be submitted, in writing, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Ida M. Brown presented the following resolution, which was referred, upon motion, to the Committee on Ritual:

Resolved, That the question of the position of the points of the five pointed star be referred to the Committee on Ritual.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Sterling M. Price, of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, and upon motion the same was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, are happy to report that harmony seems to exist within our jurisdiction. No appeals or grievances have been placed in the hands of your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

STERLING M. PRICE,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.
MRS. MARGARET HOWARD.

Robert T. King moved that when the General Grand Chapter call off they convene to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, city time.

William F. King announced the program for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter.

1. Reception for the Grand Officers of the State of Michigan and General Grand Officers, at Turkish Parlor, Hotel Cadillac, Tuesday evening.

2. Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, trolley ride of two hours around the city.

3. Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, entertainment in Assembly Hall, Masonic Temple; and, at close of program, a drill of Detroit Commandery in their large hall in Masonic Temple.

4. Thursday evening, Banquet in Banquet Hall, Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford moved that we call from labor to refreshment, to convene to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, which was ordered.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the morning session open for business.

The minutes of the preceding day's session were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion they were approved as read.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed the following Committee on Memorial, upon the death of Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Past Grand Patron of Iowa:

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge.

ADDRESSES.

Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted the following, which upon motion of Mrs. Margaret Lutke, was adopted:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and
members of the General Grand Chapter:*

The Committee, to which was referred the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron, would respectfully report that, having examined these Addresses, do submit as a result of their labors, the following recommendations:

1st—That all matters contained therein having reference to deceased members, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

2nd—That all matters contained therein having reference to Ritual, Secret Work and conferring of the obligation, be referred to the Special Committee on Ritual.

3rd—That all matters contained in the Address of the M. W. Grand Matron in relation to her official acts, decisions and recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4th—That such portions of the Address of the M. W. Grand Patron as relate to the expenses of his Deputy going to Louisiana and Tennessee, the expenses in the organization of Chapters in new territory, and the expenses of a representative visiting weak Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

5th—That such portion of said Address in relation to the issuing of charters to new Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

6th—That all of the remaining portions of the M. W. Grand Patron's Address be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JESSIE S. VERT,

MRS. ADA MILLER,

MRS. BERTHA M. FORDYCE.

GREETING.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read the following from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, it was ordered to be printed in full in the Proceedings:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 22, 1901.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary,
Detroit, Mich.

R. W. Sister:—

I am now about to attempt the performance of the most difficult task that has ever fallen to my lot. Involuntarily I find myself repeating the old couplet:

“Of all the sad words of tongue or of pen,
The saddest are these: ‘It might have been’.”

After nearly a year of most pleasant anticipation; of effort to foresee the future sufficiently to in part realize the pleasures that come from scenes where reason triumphs and soul meets kindred soul; of denial of other pleasures not deemed so real, I find that all my castles were but of the morning mist. Conditions, unforeseen and beyond my control, have arisen that absolutely prohibit my attendance at the session of the General Grand Chapter. You can possibly imagine, from my correspondence, how regretfully I write these words. Truly does the proverb speak of finite man:

“El hombre dice; pero Dios hace.”

There were many reasons which urged me to attend the session. First, an earnest desire to meet those who had contributed so much to the success of the Order, whose years of patient labor had surmounted all obstacles and demonstrated

woman's power and influence. Second, that in my humble way I might, perhaps, add some small tribute of appreciation and learn some lesson that properly applied would brighten my own life and gladden other hearts. I was especially desirous to meet those who had encouraged and cheered us until the "Star of Louisiana" had been added to the galaxy of the General Grand Chapter. Within the last few days another reason has been added. Presuming that the General Grand Chapter would take cognizance of the calamity which has befallen our Union, I desired, if permitted, to express the grief which we of the South feel for the loss of one whose name may fitly be placed side by side with that of immortal Washington, for like him he was: "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of a united people."

I do not know that the Grand Chapter of Louisiana will be represented at the session of the General Grand Chapter. I have not been advised of any intention on the part of any of our representatives to be present.

Will you please convey my fraternal regards to the members of the General Grand Chapter and the hope that the session will be, to each, one to which memory can revert without a single regret. May the labors be abundantly blessed and the results such as will enhance the prestige and advance the best interests of the Order.

Have written Sister Ewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, advising her of my inability to be present.

Be pleased to accept my personal regards and the hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you three years hence, if not sooner.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JNO. S. ALFRED,
Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read the following, which, upon motion of Willis D. Engle, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That it is contrary to Eastern Star law and usage for any Grand Chapter holding allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, to have any other title for their officers than that laid down by the Ritual.

MRS. M. ANNETTE WEATHERFORD,
Past Grand Matron of Oregon.

CHARTERS.

Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following, and upon motion of Mrs. Adency Irons, the report was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Charters has carefully examined all the matters referred to it in regard to Charters granted to the several Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter during the past three years, and respectfully present the following report:

We find that the charters granted by the M. W. Grand Patron were in accordance with the laws and customs of the General Grand Chapter, and we therefore recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Patron in granting said charters be approved by this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
MRS. LOUISE MATHEWS,
MRS. NELLIE E. SCOTT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which upon motion of Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew was made a special order of business for 10.30 A. M.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:*

Your committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that a careful examination of the Proceedings of 1898 has been made; that we congratulate the General Grand Chapter upon the thoroughness with which the business of the last Session was transacted, and beg leave to call attention to the following:

On page No. 156, a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, containing the recommendation from the R. W. Grand Secretary's report was reported as Sec. 4 of Article XV, and laid over to be considered as an amendment to the Constitution at this session.

On pages 158, 159 and 162 are recorded three constitutional amendments to be considered at this Convocation.

We, as a Committee, understand that all undetermined matters of Ritual have been referred to the Special Committee on Ritual; therefore, we omit action thereon.

Your Committee would recommend that the amendments to the Constitution above enumerated be made a special order for 10.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Fraternally submitted,
HENRY L. STILLSON,
MRS. M. ALICE MILLER,
MRS. HARRIET I. BURWELL

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, and upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, consideration of the same was postponed until after the constitutional amendments referred to by the Committee on Unfinished Business were taken up and disposed of:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the questions presented by Brother Vert of Oregon, would report as follows:

Question 1.—Mr. and Mrs.....legally adopt a daughter. Mr.....is not a Mason. Mr. and Mrs.....have a son who is a Mason. Is this adopted daughter eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star?

Answer: Yes.

Question 2.—Mr. and Mrs.....have a daughter, and they legally adopt a son. Mr.....is not a Mason. The son becomes a Mason. Is the daughter eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star?

Answer: Yes.

Is Mrs.....eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star after the son becomes a Mason?

Answer: Yes.

Your Committee while unanimously opposed to the sentiment as contained in these questions is impelled to render the above decision in view of the legislation upon this subject enacted at the last session of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. ECKERT,
MRS. MAMIE CONRAD,
MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

As per special order, the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was considered seriatim. The first part of the report was considered as follows:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read from pages 112 and 156 of the Proceedings of 1898, her recommendation being—"that all Chapters shall work under dispensation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron until fully organized, when the Deputy shall make a report of those who were present at the organization,

whose names only shall appear upon the charter when inscribed by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary," which shall be known as Section 4, Article XV of the Constitution.

W. F. Kuhn moved that the amendment, as reported by the Committee and read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be adopted and made a part of the Constitution, which was carried.

Pending the further consideration of the other sections of the report, they were, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was postponed, was then taken up and declared carried by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, by a two-thirds vote.

William F. King moved that when the General Grand Chapter call off, it resume labor at 4.30 this afternoon, which was carried.

PRESENTATION.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron at this time presented the Most Worthy Grand Patron with a cane from his Associate Grand Officers, saying in part:

"And it has chanced to come to us at this time, that on this day, the 25th of September, you have reached the fifty-eighth mile-stone; and believing that, perhaps, in your declining years, looking into the future something of this kind might be of use to you, and hoping that as you look at it you will always have the happiest recollections of those who have served with you so faithfully and pleasantly, your Associate Officers of this General Grand Chapter request your acceptance of this slight token of their love and respect."

Mr. Gearhart responded:

"In thanking my Associate Officers, I have to say that I think you will agree with me that the time has come when this is a very appropriate present. I appreciate it, and I heartily thank my Associate Officers for their kindness and remembrance. You will understand my feelings are such that I can not appropriately reply. Again, I thank you."

Upon motion the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to convene at 4.30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 4.30 o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding. The Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open for business.

The reading of the minutes of the morning session was, upon motion, deferred until to-morrow morning.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, made the following report, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by W. E. Brown:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the Memorial from the Grand Chapter of Montana, would report as follows:

In view of the fact that certain matters affecting Grand Chapters are subjects upon which they alone have the right to legislate, and the further fact that action was taken by the

General Grand Chapter infringing said rights,—your Committee would recommend that the action taken declaring all matter contained in the Ritual as binding upon Grand Chapters be rescinded, and that only such portions as refer to landmarks and ritualistic work be made binding upon Grand Chapters. Further, that all other matter contained in the Ritual is for the government of and binding upon such subordinate Chapters as are under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. ECKERT,
MRS. MAMIE CONRAD,
MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

Henry L. Stillson moved the previous question, and the report was adopted.

INVITATION.

Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, Grand Matron of Indiana, extended an invitation to the General Grand Chapter to meet in Indianapolis in 1904, as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

In behalf of the state of Indiana and her representatives here assembled, I desire to extend to this General Grand Body an invitation to hold its next Triennial Session in 1904 at Indianapolis, Ind.

We, perhaps, cannot boast of a Mayor whose special forte it may be to so charmingly address an assembly of ladies, neither can we boast of three kinds of time, yet we can furnish two,—standard time and an unlimited amount of “good time.”

Indianapolis is the birth-place of this General Grand Chapter, and I am sure we all find it pleasant, after a number of years have passed, to return to our birth-place and renew associations there formed. Our capital city is amply able to care for her guests in a pleasing and satisfactory manner; has a nice Masonic

Temple in which to hold the meetings, and is easily accessible from all points.

Should the Committee in charge deem it wise to consider favorably our invitation, we shall feel highly honored, and I can assure you each and all a most cordial welcome.

This invitation was referred by the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the Committee provided for by the Constitution.

The General Grand Chapter was then, upon motion, called off to convene to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

THURSDAY, Sept. 26, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the morning session open for business.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion, approved as read.

RESOLUTION.

W. F. Kuhn presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron to codify and revise the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction. That the Committee shall send through the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to the representative Grand Officers and permanent members of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of such revised Constitution and Rules and Regulations, one year before the next Triennial Session of this General Grand Chapter.

W. F. KUHN.

PRESENTATION.

Henry B. Worth, Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts, presented the Most Worthy Grand Matron with a handsome Silver Loving Cup, saying in part:

"One single item may indicate her popularity and influence,—wherever there is a dispute, and a controversy is submitted to her for decision or opinion, when her opinion is given, by universal consent, without objection or criticism, the matter is set at rest. I refer to the grand jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It has always been willing, ready and eager to recognize the ability and power of that Grand Matron, and I am commissioned this morning to present to her a testimonial from the grand old Commonwealth, testifying to its loyalty, and ask you, Most Worthy Grand Matron, to accept from your own Grand Chapter a testimonial of its good will and esteem."

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, on receiving this token, assured Brother Worth, her Grand Patron, that she appreciated this beautiful tribute of love from her own Grand Chapter, that she had ever remembered the noble teachings of her home state, and that in all her three years' work, she had endeavored to leave the name of Massachusetts, as regards the Order of the Eastern Star, as unsullied and untarnished as it has been in all things since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Her remarks closed with the thought that everywhere she had endeavored to have due regard for the personal rights of others, and to meet them, in the words of Robert Morris, "upon the level and part upon the square."

ELECTION.

William F. King moved that the special order of election take place at eleven o'clock, which upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, was amended by substituting 2:30 P. M.

RITUAL.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, from the Committee on Ritual, presented the following:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee appointed by our Most Worthy Grand Matron to revise and arrange the Ritual that it may be printed in two volumes, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter presented to us, and offer the following amendments as the result of our labor. In accordance with our instructions the Committee has prepared the following to be designated as a Monitor, and to be sold to the members of the Order at large, which we present without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
MRS. LAURA B. HART.

Action was taken upon each amendment presented by the Committee, and Willis D. Engle moved that the report of the Committee on Ritual, as far as approved by this General Grand Chapter be adopted as a whole, and that part referring to division of Ritual be laid upon the table, which was declared carried by a two-thirds vote.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge submitted the following, which upon her own motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas: This General Grand Chapter did on the 16th day of September 1892, by resolution, waive jurisdiction of the three Eastern Star Chapters then existing in the State of Nevada, in favor of the Grand Chapter of California, and

Whereas: The Grand Chapter of California understanding said waiver included the right to institute Chapters and have jurisdiction over the entire State of Nevada, and

Whereas: Several Chapters have been instituted by the Grand Chapter of California, and by reason of such assumed jurisdiction, encouragement and support the Order has flourished and prospered in Nevada, and

Whereas: The Chapters in Nevada have each requested and expressed a desire to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of California;

Therefore, be it *Resolved:* That the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, waive jurisdiction of our Order over the entire State of Nevada, and transfer the same to the Grand Chapter of California.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which upon his own motion, was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred those portions of the M. W. Grand Patron's address relative to the admission as constituent members of this General Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapters of Vermont and Connecticut,

and the organization and admission of the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland and Tennessee, would report and do recommend that said subject matter be referred to a Special Committee, to the end that such Grand Chapters may be received by and welcomed to this General Grand Body in a manner commensurate with the joy which the members experience in having them with us and of us.

CHARLES A. ECKERT.

MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following Committee, as above ordered:

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS.

FINANCE.

Wilford C. Wilson, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which upon his own motion was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to which was referred the resolution as to revision of the Constitution, recommends its adoption as modified, and estimates the cost of printing and postage, previous to its presentation to the General Grand Chapter, at from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFORD C. WILSON.

MRS. LENA W. LAMB.

MRS. MAY CHAPMAN.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following Committee, as provided for:

STERLING M. PRICE.

JOSEPH W. HILL.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

On motion of W. C. Hurd, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 2:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY, Sept. 26, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2:30 o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open for business.

Upon motion of Wilford C. Wilson, the special order for the election of officers was postponed until after the report of the various Committees which were ready.

Upon motion of John Vert, paragraph No. 12 of the Secret Work was amended.

FINANCE.

Wilford C. Wilson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following, which upon motion of Harrison D. Rowe, was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means beg leave to submit the following report:

A three days' session of the Committee at the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary, enabled us not only to verify

every item of the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and to establish their correctness, but to carefully examine the books and vouchers, bills and warrants of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and also observe the customs and methods of conducting that responsible office.

We found little to criticise and much to commend, and are please to report the books excellently kept, the warrants and bills correct, all money accounted for, and the general management of the office most satisfactory.

The account of the R. W. Grand Treasurer shows the following :

On hands at last report.....	\$ 4,209.62
Received from R. W. Grand Secretary.....	14,102.86
Total receipts.....	18,312.48
Expenditures	13,251.60
On hand.....	5,060.88

To our M. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, we recommend an appropriation of eight hundred dollars, in recognition of the strenuous and effective labor which has characterized the able administration of her office.

As a partial recompense, and in appreciation of his devoted and efficient services, also to cover postage and certain other expenses during his term, to our M. W. Grand Patron, Nathaniel A. Gearhart, we recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars.

Inasmuch as the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Harriett A. Ercanbrack, has never received any allowance, either for expenses or services, during her twelve years in office, we recommend an appropriation for her of one hundred dollars.

In compliance with the suggestion of the R. W. Grand Secretary, we recommend that the dues of Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford, Florida, for 1899 and 1900, the dues of Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport, Miss., for 1898 and 1899, and the dues of Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah, for 1898, be remitted. Aggregate dues of above about \$37.25.

We recommend that 2,500 copies of the proceedings of the session be printed for immediate and future distribution.

The approval of the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary, in advancing the price of signets is recommended; also her action in charging express on Rituals to Grand Secretaries.

Your Committee has carefully considered that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Patron referred to it, and relating to the appointment and employment of deputies for the purpose of organizing chapters in new territory, to assist weak and dormant chapters and perform other duties incidental to this character of work, as mentioned.

We recommend the adoption of this portion of the report, and further recommend that the M. W. Grand Patron, at his discretion, be authorized to appoint such deputy or deputies, and he be empowered to expend a sum for this purpose, not exceeding \$200 per year.

We recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars in payment for rent of hall, also fifteen dollars for services of stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFORD C. WILSON.

MRS. LENA W. LAMB.

MRS. MAY CHAPMAN.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was considered seriatim, and upon his motion, was adopted as a whole:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution presented by Sister Annette Weatherford, relative to the use of titles other than those prescribed in the Ritual for officers of the General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapters

and Subordinate Chapters of the Order, would report as follows :

By the action of this General Grand Chapter at this present session, the use of titles of officers as prescribed in the Ritual is made obligatory upon all members of the Order using said Ritual.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the amendments to the Constitution offered at the session of this General Grand Body in 1898 and found on pages 158, 159 and 162 of the printed Proceedings of said session, would report as follows :

We recommend that the amendment offered by Bro. Pinkham (appearing on page 158 of said printed Proceedings) be *not* adopted.

We recommend that the amendment offered by Bro. Williamson (appearing on page 153 of said printed Proceedings) be *not* adopted.

We recommend that the amendment offered by Sister Magie (appearing on page 162 of said printed Proceedings) be adopted.

CHARLES A. ECKERT.

MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Magie, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted a final report, which upon motion of Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, was adopted.

The special order of election was taken up, and the following tellers were appointed and ordered to retire to count the ballots:

HARRISON D. ROWE.

MRS. MATTIE L. PARTRIDGE.

JOHN BLYTHE.

MRS. M. ANNETTE WEATHERFORD.

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

W. F. Kuhn moved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to bring in a moderate mileage report for the Grand officers and Chairman of the various Committees, including the Committees in the discretion of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

RITUAL.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee on Ritual, presented the following report, which upon his own motion was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Ritual, to which was referred the question concerning the proper position of the five-pointed star, respectfully reports that it finds that according to the oldest authentic Ritual of the Order extant, the Tessera, which was an emblem to be used by members, was made with one point down, and that in every subsequent Ritual in which reference is made to badges or jewels containing a star, it was to be thus worn. It finds that in the various Signets used in the different periods of the Order's history, from the Morris Signet of about 1860 down, the star has been represented with the white point down. It also finds that, without exception so far as it has knowledge, wherever the star of our Order has been represented in print (except in a few cases where the printers have used the cut upside down) it has been with the white point down. Such being the case, there can be but one opinion as to what is the proper position of the star, so far as established both by the Ritual and practice of the Order.

The Committee is aware that in Masonry the five pointed star is represented with two points down, and that in the teachings of ancient mythology the five pointed star with one point down was an emblem used to represent the goat of Mendes—a God of Lust—but it does not consider that this Order is compelled to conform to the Masonic custom in the

use of this emblem, much less to the heathen practice, feeling, as it does, that, even if its mythological significance was one of evil, it has been redeemed from the domain of Satan and converted into an emblem of good by its half century of use by this Order, so beneficial to humanity.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.

MRS. LAURA B. HART.

Further report was made by Willis D. Engle embodying an amendment to the Ritual, which was adopted. (Page 16).

Mrs. Nettie Ransford moved that another set of tellers be appointed to expedite the matter of election, which was carried, and the following tellers were appointed:

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

WILLIAM E. BROWN.

MRS. LEE CHRISTIE.

MRS. MARGARET MEGENHARDT.

MRS. MARIA JACKSON.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, made the following report, which on motion of Willis D. Engle, was considered seriatim and adopted by section, and on motion of Charles A. Eckert, adopted as a whole:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred portions of the addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron, submit the following as their report:

They would recommend the adoption of those portions of the M.W. Grand Matron's Address which appear under the subjects,

— Approval of Bonds, Special Deputies, Approval of By-laws of Chapters, Amendments to By-laws, Approval of Constitution and By-laws of Grand Chapters, Special Dispensations, Legalizing Former Acts, Proceedings and Calls and Recognition of new Grand Chapters.

Your Committee concur in the decisions rendered by the M. W. Grand Matron. While they are at variance with the laws prevailing in some Grand Jurisdictions, they are in strict conformity with the laws promulgated by the General Grand Chapter for the government of subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

Under the subject of "Recommendations," your Committee recommends that that portion relating to amendment of Article III of the Constitution be concurred in.

The questions propounded by the Grand Patron of Massachusetts are answered by the legislation thereon enacted by this General Grand Chapter at its present session.

Your Committee is in hearty accord with the action of the M. W. Grand Patron in the appointment of a Sister as Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron for the purpose of establishing Chapters of the Order. The great good accomplished by that course certainly justifies the departure from our customs.

This General Grand Chapter and the Order in general is under lasting obligations to the Grand Chapter of California for the very unselfish manner in which they have nurtured and verily kept alive the weak Chapters in the State of Nevada. Their love for the Order has impelled them—at a financial loss and great inconvenience—to do this and to them are our hearty thanks tendered. However, in the opinion of your Committee, the time has arrived when a Grand Chapter should be organized in Nevada. We, therefore, concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Patron, and recommend that the incoming M. W. Grand Patron take such steps as will result in the formation of such Grand Chapter as soon as practicable.

CHARLES A. ECKERT.

MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

ELECTION.

The tellers appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron reported the result of the election in the choice of the following Grand Officers:

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
Dr. W. F. Kuhn, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, R. W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, R. W. Associate Grand Conductress.

FINANCE.

Wilford C. Wilson, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following, and the recommendations of Committee, upon motion of John Blythe, were adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance recommends that officers who have been regularly installed and members of standing Committees, and members of Committees appointed at the previous session and holding over, who are attending this session of the General Grand Chapter be allowed mileage at the rate of two cents per mile one way,—

Provided, that no person shall receive mileage in more than one capacity.

Provided also, that no mileage allowance in excess of Fifty (50) dollars be paid to one person, except as now constitutionally provided.

Provided further, that no person shall receive mileage whose Grand Chapter has provided an appropriation to reimburse a portion or all of said member's expense to this session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILFORD C. WILSON.

MRS. LENA W. LAMB.

MRS. MAY CHAPMAN.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which upon his own motion, was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the Memorial from the Grand Chapter of California, relative to the release of jurisdiction over the territory of the State of Nevada, would report that in view of the legislation enacted at this session of the General Grand Chapter it is inexpedient to release such jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. ECKERT.

MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

MRS. ELLA JEAN FLANDERS.

GREETING.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, from the Committee on Greeting to new Grand Chapters, presented the following report, which was adopted, and the representatives present at that time from Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia and Maryland were introduced by the Grand Conductress:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

It is a pleasure to your Committee to report that to the chain of Grand Chapters has been added since last we met,

eight new links. We gladly list them among those already enrolled as constituent members of this General Grand Chapter, and recommend that the representatives in attendance be introduced and received with grand honors,—Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Maryland, Connecticut and Vermont.

The word *welcome* but feebly expresses the greeting we would give. We are sure that these added stars to our galaxy will brighten the constellation, and that we shall be mutually strengthened for the good work we have to do.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

On motion of Willis D. Engle, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING.

FRIDAY, September 27, 1901.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the morning session open for business.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford from the Committee on Necrology reported as follows, which upon motion of Robert T. King, was adopted by a rising vote:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Since last we met we have thrice counted the seasons as they passed, and our hearts have been gladdened or saddened as sunshine or shadow has crossed our pathway.

From the east and the west, the north and the south there has been bourne to us the wail of sorrow and our hearts beat responsive to the sad refrain.

We call the roll of members, but from some there come no response. They have slipped from our presence and have journeyed into that better country where they rest from their labor.

For the last time we list their names on our record, but with each Triennial Session shall we not feel that, like ministering angels, they guard and guide us?

Each year brings us nearer to shadow-land, and one by one we shall pass through the valley of the shadow of death, but for those who have seen His Star in the East, the way will be lighted by His presence.

Twenty-nine of our loved ones have slipped from life's busy march and have entered into rest. We record their names with loving remembrance.

In His own good time our own will be restored to us.

We recommend that Memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings for those who rest in Paradise.

Lovingly submitted,

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD,
MRS. LEE CHRISTIE,
MRS. ANNA D. STOFFEL.

Upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, the reading of the minutes of the previous day's sessions was postponed until the close of this session.

Charles A. Eckert moved that the motion whereby the report presented yesterday by the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as a whole be reconsidered, which was carried.

Upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, that portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the amendment of the Constitution, as recommended by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, was reconsidered.

RITUAL.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee on Ritual, presented the following report and resolutions, and upon his own motion they were adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

The Committee respectfully report recommending that the questions to the several officers, and the responses thereto, in the opening ceremonies be bracketed, and that the following be inserted at the bottom of page No. 33: NOTE—The portions bracketed may be omitted when desired, provided they shall not be habitually disused.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to have the changes made in the Ritual printed upon leaflets and the same distributed free to Grand Secretaries and other members of the Order, and that the same be inserted in all Rituals hereafter sold until the present supply is exhausted.

Resolved, That the plates of the Ritual be changed so that all alterations will be incorporated in future editions of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
MRS. LAURA B. HART.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee on Ritual, presented a report signed by a majority of the Committee in reference to an amendment to the Ritual (page 60), which upon his own motion was declared adopted.

William E. Brown moved the previous question, and Willis D. Engle moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Ritual as a whole, which was seconded and carried.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Charles A. Eckert, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported as follows:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that portion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's address under the subject of recommendations, would report as follows:

Your Committee recommends that that portion relating to the amendment of Article III, Section 7, of the Constitution be concurred in, which upon motion of Charles A. Eckert, was declared adopted.

Upon motion of Charles A. Eckert, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as a whole.

THANKS.

Upon motion of Mrs. A. C. S. Engle, the thanks of the General Grand Chapter were extended to Mrs. Julia C. Tenney, of Orange, Mass., for the original poem used in the opening.

Upon motion of Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, thanks were extended to the Chapters in Detroit and the Grand Chapter for their cordial reception and kind attention during the session.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, thanks were extended to the Knights Templar of Detroit, for the beautiful drill given Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring officers, members of the press and the several committees.

Mrs. A. C. S. Engle moved that the General Grand Chapter extend a vote of thanks to Past Grand Patron, William F. King, for courtesies and attentions received.

Mrs. Maria A. Pierce moved an amendment to include Mrs. Franc M. Nichols, A. C. Northrup and Mrs. Susie Robb, which was carried.

Mrs. Lena W. Lamb presented the following:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the sisters and brothers of the grand jurisdiction of Michigan for the many courtesies extended to us during the session of this body in this, their beautiful City of Detroit.

Believe us, sisters and brothers, that this mark of your love and esteem will not soon be forgotten, and we shall long treasure the memories of this visit among you.

JOSEPH W. HILL,

Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

The several motions embodying thanks were declared carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling moved that that part of the report of the Finance Committee which referred to the allowance of \$200 to the Most Worthy Grand Patron be reconsidered, which was duly seconded. Motion put and declared lost.

L. Cabell Williamson moved that it is the sense of this General Grand Chapter that we do not seek to extend the Order except within the United States, or territories of the United States, which was duly seconded and declared lost.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Wilford C. Wilson, from the Committee on

Finance, presented the following, and upon his own motion the report was adopted:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members
of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:*

The itemized bill of the Most Worthy Grand Matron amounting to thirty-nine dollars, and a similar bill of the Most Worthy Grand Patron for thirty dollars and seventeen cents, being the amount of their expenses incurred in attending this session of the General Grand Chapter have been approved by this Committee, and we recommend their payment.

Under the direction and approval of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and within ninety days, we recommend that the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer be instructed to invest fifteen hundred dollars in some safe interest-bearing bonds,

Respectfully submitted,

WILFORD C. WILSON.

MRS. LENA W. LAMB.

MRS. MAY CHAPMAN.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and approved as read.

Upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, it was ordered that no part of the Ritual references and Secret Work be made a part of the public record.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, upon request, and with the aid of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, exemplified the signs of the Order.

Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel, Grand Matron of Maryland, and Henry L. Stillson, Past Grand Patron of Vermont, were introduced by the Conductress, upon request of

the Chairman of the Committee on Greeting to new Grand Chapters. Mr. Stillson made some very interesting remarks, which were highly appreciated by those present.

INSTALLATION.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced her appointments, and the following officers were installed by Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, with Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, as Worthy Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Dr. W. F. Kuhn, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

Dr. Charles A. Eckert, Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Lee Christie, Worthy Grand Adah.

Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel, Worthy Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Louise Mathews, Worthy Grand Ester.

Mrs. Mary Barry, Worthy Grand Martha.

Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, Worthy Grand Electa.

Edward M. Platt, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, Worthy Grand Organist.

Mrs. Helen C. Cole was appointed Worthy Grand Warder, but was not present to be installed.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Grand Matron of the District of Columbia, in behalf of her jurisdiction, presented the Most Worthy Grand Matron with a large bouquet of roses, and Dr. W. F. Kuhn, in behalf of her friends, presented a beautiful gold clock set in rhinestones, suspended from the mouth of an eagle, the whole resting upon a base of onyx.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron received at the hands of Mrs. Alcena Lamond, of the District of Columbia, a handsome bouquet of red roses in a large silver and cut-glass vase, from the members of his own jurisdiction.

The Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, on behalf of her friends, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Mrs. Carrie B. Allen.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer received beautiful flowers at the hands of Mrs. May Chapman and Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, representatives from their respective states.

All the other officers installed received beautiful bouquets of flowers, which were responded to by the recipients in language peculiarly their own.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing presented emblematic flowers to the newly installed star officers.

Just as the session was closing, a large box of flowers was received from John S. Alfred, Grand Secretary of Louisiana, for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, which was ordered noted on the records.

MILEAGE.

The following officers and members of committees as provided for, have been paid mileage as follows:

	MILES	AMOUNT.
L. Cabell Williamson, R. W. A. Grand Patron	628	\$12 46
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary	272	5 44
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R.W. Grand Treasurer	481½	9 68
Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, R. W. G. Conductress	1,150	28 00
Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, W. G. A. Conductress	334	6 68
Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard, Worthy Grand Esther	272	5 44
Mrs. Emogene Williams, Worthy Grand Martha	784	14 68
Mrs. Almer A. Piper, Worthy Grand Electa	729	14 58
Robert S. Kerr, Worthy Grand Sentinel	854½	17 09
Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Worthy Grand Marshal	29	58
Mrs. Elizabeth Magle	838	16 66
James B. Merritt	2,656	50 00
Mrs. Annie L. Tilton	2,090	41 80
Wilford C. Wilson	674	13 48
Mrs. Lena W. Lamb	765	15 80
Mrs. May Chapman	551	11 02
Henry L. Stillson	574	11 48
Charles A. Eckert	192	3 84
Mrs. Mamie Conrad	172	3 44
Sterling M. Price	564	11 28
Mrs. Margaret Howard	4,756	50 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Salter	744	14 88
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews	602	12 04
Mrs. Nellie E. Scott	938	18 76
Willis D. Engle	270	5 40
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden	930	18 60
	20,878	\$407.56

NOTE.—Through the kindness of Mr. George F. Lee, the Chicago Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, the above list of miles was made up by the rate-clerk, who is detailed for this particular work.

The minutes of the day's session were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion, were approved as read.

No further business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Tenth Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting as provided for by the Constitution.



LAURA B. HART,
M. W. Grand Matron.

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pitkin.

R. W. Grand Secretary.







MRS. LAURA B. HART,

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.





L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Post-War, General Patton



L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.



In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary Etta Mount

**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Matron**

**General Grand Chapter
Order Eastern Star**

1886-1889

Past Grand Matron of Nebraska.

**Born in Spencer Co., Ky., June 1, 1832.
Died in Omaha, Neb., August 7, 1900.**

In Memoriam.

Redmond R. Lewis

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Arkansas.

Died October 25, 1899.

**"Soldier of God, well done!
Praise be thy loved employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Master's joy."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Maria Anderson

**First Worthy Matron
of**

**Golden Gate Chapter No. 1
of San Francisco, Cal.**

First Grand Matron

**Order Eastern Star
of California.**

**Born at Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3, 1821.
Died in New York City, Jan. 11, 1899.**

**"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary Jeannie Parker

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of
California.

**Born at Windham, N. H., May 20, 1835.
Died in Los Angeles, Cal., June 7, 1901.**

**"Yes, the sweet Gardener hath borne her hence,
Nor must we ask to take her thence away;
We shall behold her in some coming hour,
Full blossomed in his fields of cloudless day."**

In Memoriam.

George John Hobe

**First Worthy Patron
..of..**

**Golden Gate Chapter No. 1
of San Francisco, Cal.**

First Grand Patron

**Order Eastern Star
of California.**

**Born at Hamburg, Germany, August 8, 1825.
Died in San Francisco, Cal., July 21, 1900.**

**"No pain, no anxious sleepless fear
Invades his house; no mortal woes
His narrow resting place come near
To trouble his serene repose.
So let him sleep that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering round his head;
Be comforted, ye loved, who weep,
He lives with God; he is not dead."**

In Memoriam.

Henry D. Hathaway

**First Grand Patron
..of..**

Colorado, 1892-3-4.

Died at Pueblo, Col., August 8th, 1898.

**"Thou bore on earth thy symbol bright,
'Till all thy well wrought task was o'er;
Then hands which guard the ports of light,
Swung wide for thee the golden door
Which opened on the eternal floor."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Hannah S. Harvey

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of
CONNECTICUT.

Died at Stratford, Conn., Aug. 6, 1899.

"Sister, rest from sin and sorrow,
Death is o'er, and life is won.
On thy slumber dawns no morrow:
Rest, thine earthly race is run."

In Memoriam.

Clark Buckingham

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Connecticut.

Born at New Milford, Conn., August 5, 1831.
Died in Wallingford, Conn., March 17, 1900.

**"Peace be with you, O our brother,
In the spirit land:
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand."**

In Memoriam.

Cornelius W. Okey

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

**District
of Columbia.**

**Born in Ohio, November 10, 1843.
Died in Washington, Feb. 2, 1901.**

In Memoriam.

Jacob F. Todd

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of Indiana.

Died May 13, 1900.

**"Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

Born in Plainfield, Ill., October 14, 1856.

Died in Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory, Feb. 3, 1900.

"We cannot say, we will not say that she is dead.

She is just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

She has wandered into the Better Land."

In Memoriam.

Thomas Russell Ercanbrack

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Iowa, 1882-1886.

Born in Fulton Co., N.Y., Aug. 19, 1832
Died at Dubuque, August 4, 1901.
Laid to rest in Anamosa, Aug. 8, 1901.

**"To him death was not
So much as the lifting of a latch;
Only a step into the open air,
Out from a tent already luminous [walls."
With light that shines through its transparent**
**"Serenely to his final rest he passed,
While the soft memory of his virtue yet
Lingers, like the sunlight rays of that
Orb when set."**

In Memoriam.

Horace Spencer Winslow

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of Iowa.

Died December 11, 1899.

**"He did not fall like dropping flowers that no
man noticeth,
But like a great branch of some stately tree,
Rent in a tempest and flung down to death,
Rich with green leafage, so that the loss thereof
can never be supplied."**

In Memoriam.

T. K. McFarland

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Kansas.

**"One by one our ranks are thinning,
Thinning here but swelling there.
One by one bright crowns are winning,
Crowns they shall forever wear."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Anna M. Harrington

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of
Massachusetts.

Died in Worcester, Dec., 24, 1900.

**"Only 'Good night' beloved, not farewell,
A little while, and then we all shall dwell
In hallowed union, indivisible,
'Good night'."**

In Memoriam.

Chauncey Waterbury

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of Michigan.

**Born in Nassau, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1836.
Died in Ithaca, Mich., Jan. 2, 1900.**

**Gathering home
One by one.**

In Memoriam.

Leonard Lewis

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
MINNESOTA.

Born November 29, 1823, Boothbay, Me.
Died February, 3, 1901.

**"A Mason, true and good.
Sincere in friendship, gentle in
sympathy and kind in grief."**

In Memoriam.

Sarah E. Hibbard

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of
Missouri.

Died April 2, 1899.

**"And now she rests; her greatness and her
No more shall seem at strife; [sweetness,
And death hath molded into calm completeness,
The stature of her life."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Emily Scott

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of
Nebraska.

Died in the City of Osceola, July 17, 1898.

**"May the perfume of her beautiful
life be ever present with us and
may we emulate her virtues."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Jennie S. Jackson

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Nebraska.

Born in Massachusetts, February 24, 1841.

Died at Bonnie Castle, San Jose, Cal., January 31, 1900.

In Memoriam.

Lovingly inscribed to the memory of

Sister

Christiana Buttrick

Charter Member

..of..

Alpha Chapter No. 1, 1867.

Grand Matron

..of..

Grand Chapter O. E. S.

State of New York

from 1878-1879

and Grand Secretary from 1879-1900.

Entered into rest February 5, 1900.

She sweetly sleeps.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Elizabeth O. White

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star
of North Dakota.

Born in Illinois, June 15, 1867.

Died at Fargo, N. D., December 24, 1899.

SISTER WHITE

was a charter member of Lady Washington Chapter No. 1, of Jamestown, N. D., a Past Matron of that Chapter and the first Grand Matron of North Dakota. She was a regular attendant not only of her own Chapter but of the Grand Chapter, never having missed a session from its organization up to the time of her death. Her counsel was wise and helpful and has been sadly missed since her departure to a higher sphere.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Rebecca J. McClintock

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Ohio.

Born at Jersey Shore, Pa., May 5, 1840.

Died at Garretttsville, O., September 27, 1900.

In Memoriam.

Isaac N. Hathaway

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Ohio.

**Born in Hambden, Ohio, June 8, 1827.
Died at Chardon, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1901.**

**"Unfettered now their spirits soar aloft,
Life's mystery gone;
Angelic voices singing low and soft,
Float through the dawn,—
That glorious dawn that ushers in the life
They longed to see;
Beyond the confines of all worldly strife,
They now are free."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Jennie A. Shirk

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

South Dakota.

**Born at Viroqua, Wisconsin, March, 1864.
Died in Redfield, S. D., November 7, 1900.**

**"So let her sleep that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering round her head.
Be comforted, ye loved, who weep,
She lives with God, she is not dead."**

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Belle De Retta Moon

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

..of..

Texas.

She lived as the flowers shed fragrance and beauty
And died as the hero, a martyr of duty.
As the Star in the East reflected her brightness,
So did the love of the Lord her heart's lightness.
A woman of worth; a mother most tender;
A sister in truth, may all honor render.
Fairest among thousands, purest and best,
Altogether lovely. Sister now rest,
To awake in the morning when sorrow's no more
And to live in God's glory for ever more.

In Memoriam.

J. J. Kendrick

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Texas.

**Born in Wilkes Co., Georgia, 1816.
Died at Austin, Texas, Feb. 5, 1900.**

"Life's fitful fever o'er, he sleeps well."

In Memoriam.

**Called to the better life since the
Twenty-Eighth Annual
Convocation.**

December 6, A. D. 1900.

Mrs. Mary G. Deming

Æt. 76 Years

**Past Grand Matron
..of the..**

Grand Chapter of Vermont.

**"There is no death!
The stars go down to rise upon another shore."**

In Memoriam.

JAMES EWEN EDMISTON

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Washington.

Died May 8th, 1900.

CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

FLORIDA.

Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka.
Tropical Chapter No. 3, Bartow.
Inverness Chapter No. 4, Inverness.
Live Oak Chapter No. 5, Daytona.
Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford.
Dolores Chapter No. 7, New Smyrna.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 8, Clearwater.
Eureka Chapter No. 9, St. Petersburg.
De Soto Chapter No. 10, Punta Gorda.
Friendship Chapter No. 11, Titusville.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City.
Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello.
Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion.
Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City.
Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston.
Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City.
Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow.
Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace.
Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11, Grangeville.
Laurel Chapter No. 13, Lewiston.

Esther Chapter No. 14, Blackfoot.
Golden Star Chapter No. 15, Bellevue.
Miriam Chapter No. 16, Mountain Home.
Queen Isabelle Chapter No. 17, Montpelier.
Syringa Chapter No. 18, Harrison.
Loyante Chapter No. 19, Weiser.

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven.
Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton.
Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green.
Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel.
Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion.
Mount Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mount Vernon.
Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton.
Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup.
Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg.
Lorraine Chapter No. 12, Owenton.
Bardwell Chapter No. 13, Bardwell.
Silver Star Chapter No. 14, Morehead.
Bristow Chapter No. 15, Erlanger.
Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove.
Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton.
Martha Pitman Chapter No. 18, Pittsburg.
Ruth Chapter No. 19, Station Point.
Webb Chapter No. 20, New Castle.
Esther Chapter No. 21, Paducah.
Stanton Chapter No. 22, Stanton.
Lora Bryant Chapter No. 23, Onton.
Glenville Chapter No. 24, Glenville.
Ermine Ford Chapter No. 25, Poole.
Grayson Chapter No. 26, Grayson.

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven.
Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Long Beach.

Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Macomb City.
W. F. Cole Chapter No. 5, Water Valley.
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Okolona.
Rebecca Chapter No. 7, Oxford.

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin.
Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson City.
Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno.
Martha Chapter No. 5, Wadsworth.
Silver State Chapter No. 6, Winnemucca.
Argenta Chapter No. 7, Virginia City.
Iphigenia Chapter No. 8, Eureka.
Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton.
Ransford Chapter No. 2, East Las Vegas.
Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City.
Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown.
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque.
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Deming.
Rio Arriba Chapter No. 7, Chama.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vances Chapter No. 2, Vances.
Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg.
Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood.
Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree.
Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville.
Esther Chapter No. 7, Columbia.
Electric City Chapter No. 8, Anderson.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.
Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City.
Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Ogden.

VIRGINIA.

Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock.
Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg.
Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah.
Botetourt Chapter No. 4, Gloucester.
Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray.
Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni.
Magdeline Chapter No. 7, Stanley.
Ruth Chapter No. 8, Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling.
Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo.
Athens Chapter No. 3, Athens.
Esther Chapter No. 4, Welch.
Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, Hinton.
Augusta Chapter No. 6, Mannington.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Hilo.
Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu.

INDIA.

The Pioneer Chapter No. 1, Benares.

SCOTLAND.

Dundee Chapter No. 1, Dundee.

Aberdeen Chapter No. 2, Aberdeen.

The above chapters in Scotland should have appeared in the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's report under the heading "Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter," page 107.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ALABAMA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Elyton.
Grand Patron, D. J. Gibson, Corona.
Grand Secretary, Dr. W. M. Cunningham, Corona.

ARIZONA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Cora E. Johns, Prescott.
Grand Patron, John J. Sweeney, Phoenix.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie H. Grossetta, 133 Pennington, St., Tucson.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Julia M. Gill, Little Rock.
Grand Patron, Mark P. Olney, Meara.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins, Mabelvale.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Clara A. Giberson, San Francisco.
Grand Patron, Charles E. Mitchell, Long Beach.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kate J. Willats, 64 Flood Bldg., San Francisco.

COLORADO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lida V. Stone, Trinidad.
Grand Patron, James R. Killian, Walsenburg.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, P. O. Box 1026,
Colorado Springs.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Hattie L. Ewen, Derby.
Grand Patron, Sharon D. Beach, Seymour.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins, Cheshire.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Washington.
Grand Patron, F. J. Randolph, Washington.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rose A. Yost, 722 Whitney Ave.,
Washington.

GEORGIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lee Christie, Brunswick.
Grand Patron, Ven. Harry Cassil, Brunswick.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Clementine E. Welch, Fitzgerald.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Edna C. Wilcox, St. Charles.
Grand Patron, Alex. G. Hug, Chicago.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, 931 Park Ave.,
Chicago.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, Lafayette.
Grand Patron, Dr. Stephen M. Bennett, New Goshen.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ruth McNiel, Marietta.
Grand Patron, Hugo Haas, Atoka.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Atoka.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Webster City.
Grand Patron, W. H. Wray, Oskaloosa.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, 517 S. 1st St.,
Council Bluffs.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Anthony.
Grand Patron, Arthur Edson, Abilene.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Della Bennett, Sylvia.

LOUISIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Edna S. Rayner, New Orleans.
Grand Patron, C. R. Brownell, Morgan City.
Grand Secretary, John S. Alfred, Masonic Temple, New
Orleans.

MAINE.

Grand Matron, Katherine C. Morrill, Augusta.
Grand Patron, Jesse M. Libby, Mechanic Falls.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.

MARYLAND.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel, Baltimore.
Grand Patron, Joseph H. Hellen, Baltimore.
Grand Secretary, R. M. Coombs, 34 Hopkins Place,
Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mattie L. Partridge, Holliston.
Grand Patron, Henry B. Worth, New Bedford.
Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Hattie C. Derthick, Ionia.
Grand Patron, William E. Brown, Lapeer.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. Augusta Matteson, Middleville.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Carrie W. McCauley, McCauleyville.
Grand Patron, A. D. Countryman, Appleton.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, 148 Linden Ave.,
Minneapolis.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mamie Fletcher, Joplin.
Grand Patron, T. A. Dunn, Bethany.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, 3867 Page Ave.,
St. Louis.

MONTANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Rebecca A. Allison, Philipsburg.
Grand Patron, Henry J. Rainsford, Anaconda.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elva Boardman, Butte.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Louise Mathews, Fremont.
Grand Patron, Henry M. Hurd, Harvard.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Anna C. Simpson, 821 S. 20th St.,
Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Matron, Miss Susan M. Mann, Ashland.
Grand Patron, Fred W. Noyes, Gorham.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, Epping.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nellie E. Scott, Oakes.
Grand Patron, Thomas Harrison, Hillsboro.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Florence M. Hoskins, Bismarck.

OHIO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate H. Kile, Chardon.
Grand Patron, J. D. Campbell, Eaton.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Marysville.

OREGON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Clara A. Marsden, Burns.
Grand Patron, C. W. Miller, Portland.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, The Dalles.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, Susquehanna.
Grand Patron, Frank L. Taylor, Peckville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Centre.

RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Matron, Miss Lizzie J. Hoxsie, Canonchet.
Grand Patron, Caleb L. Knight, Woonsocket.
Grand Secretary, S. Penrose Williams, 114 Narragansett
Ave., Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Flandreau.
Grand Patron, A. W. Coe, Deadwood.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison.

TENNESSEE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Nashville.
Grand Patron, Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, 229 Trentlan St.,
Nashville.

TEXAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate M. Bryant, Dallas.
Grand Patron, Dr. A. C. McDaniel, San Antonio.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, 923 Nolan St., San
Antonio.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lou D. Clement, Bradford.
Grand Patron, J. S. Weeks, St. Johnsbury.
Grand Secretary, Henry L. Stillson, Bennington.

WASHINGTON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie Everett, Tacoma.
Grand Patron, C. H. Manley, Tacoma.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie J. Demorest, 919 E. St.,
Tacoma.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Bell W. Bliss, Baraboo.
Grand Patron, W. F. Carle, Janesville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna Bristol, Evanston.
Grand Patron, M. P. Wheeler, Casper.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Inez M. Robinson, Cheyenne.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

NOT CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lucie W. Esch, Newark.

Grand Patron, John Woodhead, Newark.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Martin, 408 Graham Ave.,
Paterson.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna W. McArthur, Granville.

Grand Patron, Cornelius B. Parker, Westchester Village.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Niner, 338 W. 51st St.,
New York City.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

Which are Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Alabama.....	March 6, 1901.....	November.....	13	431
Arizona.....	November 16, 1900.....	November.....	8	469
Arkansas.....	October 2, 1876.....	November.....	162	5,772
California.....	May 8, 1873.....	October.....	166	12,963
Colorado.....	June 6, 1892.....	June.....	44	3,259
Connecticut.....	August 11, 1874.....	October.....	44	3,712
District of Columbia.....	April 30, 1896.....	January and June.....	10	1,799
Georgia.....	February 21, 1901.....	May.....	8	472
Illinois.....	November 6, 1875.....	October.....	420	26,409
Indiana.....	May 6, 1874.....	April.....	216	13,596
Indian Territory.....	July 11, 1899.....	August.....	62	1,856
Iowa.....	July 30, 1878.....	October.....	280	15,702
Kansas.....	October 18, 1878.....	May.....	198	10,373
Louisiana.....	October 4, 1900.....	June.....	14	560
Maine.....	August 24, 1892.....	September.....	79	5,809
Maryland.....	December 23, 1896.....	January.....	11	905
Massachusetts.....	December 11, 1876.....	May.....	70	7,594
Michigan.....	October 31, 1897.....	October.....	282	23,300
Minnesota.....	October 18, 1878.....	May.....	131	8,389
Missouri.....	October 13, 1875.....	October.....	206	10,839
Montana.....	September 25, 1890.....	September.....	28	1,718
Nebraska.....	June 29, 1875.....	June.....	117	5,496
New Hampshire.....	May 12, 1891.....	September.....	34	3,152
North Dakota.....	June 14, 1894.....	June.....	37	2,149
Ohio.....	July 28, 1899.....	October.....	137	9,157
Oregon.....	October 8, 1899.....	June.....	63	4,126
Pennsylvania.....	November 21, 1894.....	November.....	16	1,153
Rhode Island.....	August 22, 1895.....	October.....	8	1,065
South Dakota.....	July 10, 1899.....	May.....	68	3,326
Tennessee.....	October 18, 1900.....	January.....	14	602
Texas.....	May 5, 1884.....	October.....	100	3,973
Vermont.....	November 12, 1873.....	June.....	38	2,912
Washington.....	June 12, 1899.....	June.....	62	3,664
Wisconsin.....	February 19, 1891.....	February.....	124	7,961
Wyoming.....	September 14, 1898.....	September.....	12	653
Chapter under jurisdiction of G. G. C.....			3,277	206,229
TOTAL.....			3,381	212,664

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

Which are not Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
New Jersey.....	July 18, 1870.....	September.....	21	1,393
New York.....	November 3, 1870.....	June.....	189	11,192
			210	12,575

RECAPITULATION

104	Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with membership of.....	6,435
3,277	Chapters in the 35 Grand Chapters which are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.....	206,229
210	Chapters in New York and New Jersey.....	12,575
3,591	Chapters, with a total membership of.....	225,239

The above tables of statistics are based upon official reports furnished by the Grand Secretaries to Nov. 1, 1901.

Elective Officers of the General Grand Chapter since its Organization.

	MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.	MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.
1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901	Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Illinois. Mrs. Elmira Foley, Missouri. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa. Mrs. Mary A. Flinn, California. Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indiana. Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas. Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.	Rev. John D. Vincil, Missouri. *Thomas M. Lamb, Massachusetts. Willis Brown, Kansas. Rollin C. Gaskill, California. Jefferson S. Conover, Michigan. Benjamin Lynds, Missouri. James R. Donnell, Arkansas. H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan. Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota. L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.
	RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.	RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.
1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901	Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Indiana. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois. Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, California. *Mrs. Lucinda Smith, New Jersey. Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Nebraska. Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas. Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas. Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oklahoma Ter.	*Jeremiah E. Whitcher, California. Willis Brown, Kansas. *David B. Purlington, Michigan. B. R. Rose, Michigan. Benjamin Lynds, Missouri. James R. Donnell, Arkansas. H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan. Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota. L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia. W. F. Kuhn, Missouri.
	RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.	RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.
1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901	Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Willis D. Engle, Indiana. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.	John M. Mayhew, New Jersey. John M. Mayhew, New Jersey. Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa. John R. Parson, Missouri. John R. Parson, Missouri. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
	RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS.	RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS.
1886 1888 1901	Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Montana. Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oregon. Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.	Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas. Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin. Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Michigan.

*Deceased.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
General Grand Chapter of the Order
of the Eastern Star.

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AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 1901.
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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be :

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office, and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the juris-

diction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter, or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a state or territory where no Grand Chapter exists, which he or she represents.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in states or territories where less than five Chapters exist.

ARTICLE III.

ITS POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall have power to decide all questions of

Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 5. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 6. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work and Signet and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 7. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, unless they shall have served as Grand Matron or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Asso-

ciate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron or their proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter, to form a new Chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess, which shall pay dues for the year in proportion to time organized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no Chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem*.

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters, and *shall* sign with the Most Worthy Grand Patron all circular letters authorizing the formation of Grand Chapters, also the notices of recognition, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and the Right Worthy Associate

Grand Patron, to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

SEC. 2. The actual traveling expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron when on necessary official business or in attendance at the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid by this General Grand Chapter upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but shall not apply to the expenses of said officers in visiting the several Grand Chapters.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary :

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report, also of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Rituals, Signets, Blanks and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in some good reliable indemnifying company, the expense of said bond to be borne by the General Grand Chapter, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the

latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in some good reliable indemnifying company, the expense of said bond to be borne by the General Grand Chapter, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshall shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and post-office address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application; *provided*, no new Chapter shall be formed in any town where more than two Chapters exist, without the consent of a majority of all the Chapters in said town or city.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1 of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number of remaining members.

SEC. 4. All Chapters shall work under dispensation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron until fully organized, when the Deputy shall make a report of those who were present at the organization, whose names only shall appear upon the charter when inscribed by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE XVI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the following Standing Committees, of three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most

Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit :

CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Subordinate and Grand Chapter represented.

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered ; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitu-

tion, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there is a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.* and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

III. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

II. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vancancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to each member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action, and in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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**The next Session of the General Grand Chapter will convene at the
time and place to be named by the first five officers acting
as a committee, notice being given to the Order at
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Most Worthy Grand Patron.
- MRS. ELLA S. WASHBURN, P. G. M., Racine, Wisconsin,
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
- WILLIAM H. NORRIS, P. G. P., Manchester, Iowa,
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
- MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, P. G. M., Chicago, Illinois,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
- MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, P. G. M., Anamosa, Iowa,
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
- MRS. M. ALICE MILLER, P. G. M. of Indian Ter., El Reno, Okla.,
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
- MRS. RATA A. MILLS, P. G. M., Duke Centre, Pennsylvania,
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
- MRS. MARY SCOTT MYERS, The Dalles, Oregon,
Worthy Grand Chaplain.
- MRS. ANGIE L. WILLIAMSON, P. G. M., Madison, South Dakota,
Worthy Grand Adah.
- MRS. MAMIE CONRAD, P. G. M., Warsaw, Indiana,
Worthy Grand Ruth.
- MRS. MATE L. CHESTER, P. G. M., Chicago, Ill.,
Worthy Grand Esther.
- MRS. LOU A. OLMSTEAD, P. G. M., Anthony, Kansas,
Worthy Grand Martha.
- MRS. ANNIE L. TILTON, P. G. M. of Arizona, Los Angeles, California,
Worthy Grand Electa.
- MRS. IDA M. BROWN, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
Worthy Grand Warder.
- MARK P. OLNEY, P. G. P., Mena, Arkansas,
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
- MRS. MARGARET MEGENHARDT, P. G. M., Baltimore, Md.,
Worthy Grand Marshal.
- MRS. MARY R. TUBBS, P. G. M., Chesaning, Michigan,
Worthy Grand Organist.

PROCEEDINGS.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in Eleventh Triennial Session in Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, Monday morning, September 19th, 1904, at ten o'clock, and was called to order by Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, who instructed the Worthy Grand Marshal to invite the officers to enter the General Grand Chapter room.

Grand Officers present:

MRS. LAURA B. HART, M. W. Grand Matron.
L. CABELL WILLIAMSON, M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. MADELEINE B. CONKLING, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
DR. WILLIAM F. KUHN, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.
MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

MRS. ELLA S. WASHBURN, R. W. Grand Conductress.
MRS. HELEN E. C. BALMER, R. W. A. Grand Conductress.
DR. A. C. MCDANIEL, Worthy Grand Chaplain.
MRS. ANNA D. STOFFEL, Worthy Grand Ruth.
MRS. LOUISE MATHEWS, Worthy Grand Esther.
MRS. MARY BARRY, Worthy Grand Martha.
MRS. JANE A. DIXON, Worthy Grand Electa.
MRS. HELEN C. COLE, Worthy Grand Warder.
EDWARD M. PLATT, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
MRS. M. ALICE MILLER, Worthy Grand Marshal.
MRS. BERTHA M. FORDYCE, Worthy Grand Organist.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that credentials had been filed by a majority of the Grand Chapters.

Mrs. Hattie May Delkin, Grand Matron of Georgia, was appointed to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Lee Christie as Worthy Grand Adah.

Mrs. Clara A. McBride, from the Committee on Credentials, made a partial report, and asked for further time, which was granted.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Most Worthy Grand Matron, proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form, and by her instruction proclamation was made by the Worthy Grand Marshal that the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was duly open for the transaction of business.

The privileges of the gallery were extended to all who were properly vouched for.

Mrs. Amelia Huvelle, Associate Grand Matron of Texas, addressed the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in part, as follows:

"On account of unforeseen circumstances, our Grand Matron, Sister Alma M. Walker, has not been able to attend this meeting, and has, therefore, delegated to me the honor and pleasure of representing the Grand Chapter of Texas, and of presenting to you, Most Worthy Grand Matron, these flowers as an expression of the high regard and esteem in which you are held by the Grand Chapter and members throughout the State of Texas.

"When the General Grand Chapter met at Detroit three years ago and selected you to occupy the highest position within its gift, as Texans our hearts bounded with pride, for we knew that the honor had been conferred upon one of Texas' brightest women, whom we all loved as Matron,

Grand Matron and Grand Secretary, and felt that she fully deserved the high position she had attained.

"Most Worthy Grand Matron, in presenting these flowers, the desire of our Grand Matron was to represent the five colors of our noble Order,—the blue flowers, an emblem of your heroic fidelity and the constancy you always displayed to our Order; the yellow, whose sign-language is grace and elegance, so portrayed by your elegant manners abroad and at home; white, an emblem of your purity of heart; green, a type of our sincerity, and red, whose sign-language is love, exemplifies the sentiment of the Lone Star State.

"Most Worthy Grand Matron, I offer for your acceptance this bouquet, not of flowers, but of loving thoughts and sweet memories."

The flag of the Lone Star State was presented with the flowers, and upon motion of Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, the flag was placed by the side of the Stars and Stripes.

GRAND MATRON'S WELCOME.

The following address of welcome was delivered by Miss Mary Jean White, Grand Matron of Missouri:

It is my pleasant privilege to bid you a cordial welcome on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star of Missouri.

WELCOME! How inadequate are mere words to express the great emotions of life! Even this beautiful word but says, "You are come, and it is well," when so much more than this is meant. Great joy can no more be imprisoned within the narrow confines of speech, than can a mighty flood within the banks of one small stream.

I am tempted to wish that it were in our power to adequately express to you our pride and happiness in your

coming; for did we possess this magic of eloquent pathos, our lips would indeed drop honeyed words of welcome; but that is a selfish desire for a power so great that an all-wise Creator has not entrusted it to mankind. In His infinite wisdom our great emotions are to be felt and understood in a manner more in harmony with their nature. You will find our joy in every glance of the eye, every clasp of the hand, and every cadence of the voice. Coming, as you do, in the true spirit of fraternity, your hearts will truly interpret these wordless expressions of our great happiness in your presence. I encourage you to believe all that your hearts tell you. It is all true, for whatever may be our faults, Missourians love their fellowmen, and have developed to a high state that divine gift,—the faculty of enjoying sweet communion with one's own kind.

It has been cultivated faithfully since those early days when our grandfathers battled the wilderness for their homes. The first fruits of victory in each case were a log house near a spring of water on a bit of "cleared" land in the midst of a virgin forest. It was miles distant from the nearest human habitation, but very close to nature's heart and the lessons learned in these homes, if few, were well learned. The lord and the lady of this manse were not attired in courtly costume, their manners were not such as to please a Chesterfield, and their language may have taken liberties with the King's English; but no wayfarer ever failed to understand the welcome that he received. From the first "Come in stranger" of welcome, to the last "God be with you" of departure, the visitor felt, as in fact he was, as if in his own home. His necessities were relieved as his due, and such comforts as the home contained were as his, of course. Pay for entertainment of man or beast in such

homes was never heard of, and to offer it the gravest offense.

In such a school have Missourians been reared, and while we believe we have improved somewhat in exteriors, it has not been at the expense of the ability to enjoy the visits of our fellows. Rather has the enlargement of our dwellings and the increase of their numbers but added to our facilities to entertain. It is still true that such comforts as we have are yours of course.

We are happy on this occasion as Missourians to welcome all who come from other States. As one sister in the family, we delight in having the other members of the family meet in our home for a family reunion.

"By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family," and as such we welcome you all. We hope you will regard your presence here as a visit among those who love you and are happy to have you here.

If you shall return to your homes with kindly thoughts and fragrant memories of this occasion, and in the years to come shall give to Missouri an abiding place in your happy reminiscences, then shall our bright anticipations and rich realizations of this event have budded and blossomed and borne fruit of a great blessing to all. How like an angel of charity memory comes, spreading her mantel of kindly light over all the past, brightening brightness and hiding all darkness away underneath her luminous veil.

Memory has erected memorials of bronze and stone, built halls of learning and established such institutions as our Masonic Homes for drying the orphans' tears and for vouchsafing help to lift them out of poverty and distress. It reveals the true character of the world. It melts the icy bars of the heart until the fountains of sympathy gush forth

into the sunshine; that is brotherhood. It sounds the voice of honor; that is justice. It keeps faith with the departed; that is fidelity. Brotherhood, justice, fidelity,—these it keeps living, breathing, fruitful.

A strange, mysterious, wonderful light is the light of memory. It shines not on sea or land, but into the hearts and lives of men. As hopes paint the future to youth, so memory gilds the past to those of riper years. Your memory is a paradise in which we would ever abide.

In asking to be remembered, we will hope as well as pray that it may often be our privilege to greet you, and our welcome is not limited to today. You are welcome this time, every time and all the time.

Come in the evening or come in the morning,
Come when expected or come without warning.
Gladness and welcome will be here to greet you,
And the oftener you come, the better we'll treat you.

GRAND MASTER'S WELCOME.

William F. Kuhn, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, spoke as follows:

M. W. Grand Matron and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

I thank you for the opportunity to welcome you to St. Louis and within the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

It is a pleasure, not only to express my appreciation of the Order of the Eastern Star as an individual, but to emphasize, by my official position, the close relation existing between this Order and Masonry.

Ill founded prejudice and misrepresentation of the Order have not all passed away. Hence, if I can do no more, I wish to stand here before this magnificent representation of the

Masonic family circle, to express to you my absolute faith in the high purposes, in the lofty aims, and in the great and good work of the Order.

As the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I bring to you the greetings of forty thousand Masons who believe in the Eastern Star, who love the Order and rejoice in its prosperity, who are glad that you are with us. We felt that you desired to come; we therefore arranged to have the World's Fair here for your special benefit and enjoyment. When weary of legislative duties, our Grand Patron will conduct you through the Igorrote village and show you some people who are naturally opposed to the Eastern Star and have a deep prejudice against it. In the evening the Grand Matron will take you a "hike" down the Pike. In the Palace of Fine Arts and in the Educational Building, where by taste and inclination you will find the Missourian, you can read a welcome on their faces. It will be an easy matter to recognize a Missourian. This reminds me of a little incident that occurred in a family in Texas. You have just heard of the greatness of the Lone Star State from which our M.W. Grand Matron hails. In this Texas family a little six-year-old asked her mama this question:—"Mama, how will I recognize papa in Heaven?" Now this may seem a strange question, with its implied doubt, that should arise in Texas. It would not have risen in Missouri or Massachusetts, for Heavenly recognition is an assured fact to all of these inhabitants. There may be some doubt among the Hoosiers and the Wolverines; and dark despair may sit on the mind of the Hawkeyes and the Jayhawkers, while in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, they still hope to establish recognition by means of blanket and feathers; but the Texas mother calmly answered the puzzling question by saying:—"My dear, when you see an angel, with a red nose, that is papa."

I do not mean that you will recognize Missourians by this insignia, but wherever you find or see a smile, it is a smile of

welcome and it is the seductive smile, the pleasing, welcoming smile of the Missourian.

In this, your Eleventh Triennial Assembly, it is a source of satisfaction, that the Order of the Eastern Star is recognized, endorsed and permitted to meet in Masonic Halls in every State in our country, save one. Even in that State, the Order has been well planted and is doing its work. May we hope that before another Triennial Assembly shall be held, Pennsylvania will have opened her eyes and recognized the fact that her wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters can engage in the dissemination of the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in an organization of their own.

We all believe in the doctrine, that we are descendants of the same Almighty Parent, partaking of the same nature and sharing the same hope. As Masons we are being taught more earnestly and learning more zealously the great lesson of the Brotherhood of Man. May we hope that woman is learning the same lesson. May I change one word, and thus make the application plainer, and bring the truth closer to us? Have the women of the Order recognized the force of the Sisterhood of Woman? Are we learning the beautiful lessons of the Ritual? Are we practising in our daily life, or do we forget the Sisterhood of Woman?

That Mason who sang so sweetly in bonnie Scotland knew human nature, human inclinations, the show, the sham and the tinsel; but out of it he sang of a greater, better, broader love and life. Listen to his charity:—

“Then gently scan your brother man,
Still gentler sister woman:
Though they may gang a kennin’ wrang
To step aside is human.”

He tried to teach by song in the 18th Century, that which we must learn in the broad light of the 20th Century, the following Masonic and Eastern Star doctrine:—

“What though on homely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin gray, and a’ that,
The honest man, though e’er so poor,
Is King of men for a’ that.
Then let us pray that come it may
As come it will for a’ that,
That sense and worth, o’er a’ the earth
May hear the gree and a’ that.
For a’ that, and a’ that.
That man to man, the world o’er
Shall brothers be for a’ that.”

May the Eleventh Triennial be an inspiration to us for a better and a clearer conception of this truth, that there be more of cheer in some one’s life, more of sunshine in some one’s dark days, more of silver lining to some one’s storm clouds, more of hope to some one’s despair.

I welcome you, the handmaid, the sister to your elder Brother :—Freemasonry.

RESPONSE.

The response to the welcomes was made by Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as follows:

Sister White, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S. of Missouri, and Brother Kuhn, Worshipful Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, it may be true that “Words are silver, and silence is golden,” but I am quite certain, that after listening to your cordial welcome, each and all of us would contradict this assertion.

We are glad to be thus welcomed by you, on behalf of the Radiant Stars of Missouri, yes, we are more than glad, we are grateful to you, and on behalf of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, her associated officers and the members of this General Grand Chapter, I graciously accept this royal welcome, and assure you that before we bid you farewell,

we shall have proven to you our sincere appreciation of all courtesies and kindnesses extended.

It is most opportune that this session of the General Grand Chapter should convene in St. Louis, the metropolis of that vast and splendid Empire, west of the Mississippi, known as the Louisiana Purchase. We are all glad to meet and celebrate with you at this time and place, but more especially do we Stars, whose horizon begins with the delta of the Great Father of Waters, and sets in the Great North-west, "Where rolls the Mighty Oregon," value the privilege of meeting and uniting with you in this *our* glorious celebration, commemorating, as it does, the one hundredth anniversary of the Purchase of Louisiana; one of the most distinguishing events in the glorious career of our country; an event, whose imperishable luster is dimmed only by our *triumphs* for *liberty* and for *union*.

We are glad to mingle our voices with yours in words of praise and adoration for that glorious statesman, who, by his brilliant diplomacy, in the face of the most bitter opposition, prejudice and doubt, made it possible for us to gain this grand expanse of valuable territory; with you to bow in reverence to the memory of that illustrious warrior, who by indomitable will and courage made it possible for us to keep it, and when the impartial Historian shall record the names of great men and great events, the names of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, which are inseparably linked with the Purchase of Louisiana and the Battle of New Orleans will be found at the head of the list. They may have a grave, but like the Father of his country, they need no monument save posterity.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission, I will refer to Oregon, my own Jurisdiction, as being particularly glad to meet in Missouri. Oregon Masonry is a

daughter of Missouri, hence it must follow that the Oriental Twinklers of Oregon belong to the Constellation of Missouri.

The first Masonic Charter for Oregon was granted by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri in 1846. It was carried across the plains by Joseph Kellogg, and in 1848, Multnomah Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. was organized at Oregon City, Oregon, and is today the oldest Masonic Lodge west of the Missouri River.

We are all glad to meet in St. Louis, that we may visit the Temple of Fraternity, in which the members of the Eastern Star have taken such pardonable pride.

Worthy Grand Matron of Missouri, like you, I too am almost tempted to wish that the Creator had singled me out from among his wonderful and curious creations, and endowed me with the skill to adequately express in words, at this time, our happiness in being with you, and our appreciation for your gracious welcome. If as you say, you Missourians have been reared in a school of "From the first 'Come in stranger' of welcome, to the last 'God be with you' of departure," then you must have learned the lesson of remembrance, and can better understand how we, your guests, once having broken bread with you, can never forget your hospitality, therefore accept our "memory" as your "Paradise," and come all Missouri Stars and abide therein, for we will never forget you. We thank you, and will, ere we say good-bye, "Show you Missourians" that we know a good thing when we see it.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron invited to the East the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons present, who were:

Mrs. Elmira Foley,	Mrs. Nettie Ransford,
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing.

ADDRESS OF MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON,
MRS. LAURA B. HART.

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members, Brothers
and Sisters of the General Grand Chapter,
Order Eastern Star.*

Herewith I present you an account of my efforts to further the interests of this Great Order; to augment its growth, to harmonize its differences and disseminate its pure and lofty principles; that I have failed to accomplish much that I intended when you, by your kindness and consideration, placed me in this exalted position, is not at all strange. As the years go by and the stream of life rolls on I find that we rarely accomplish the full volume or expectation of our work, however earnest may be our efforts; hence I am inclined to rest easily upon the trite, yet true saying,

"She does well who does her best;
An angel could do no more."

This report must, of necessity, be very deliberate and brief, for reasons which will hereinafter appear. We have been so heartily welcomed to this great city, this metropolis of the west, that I deem it unnecessary to expand upon this subject; I can only say to you that my heart swells with gladness at sight of this great meeting, and I extend you a most earnest and sincere welcome to this, our Eleventh Triennial; where the young and ardent members of the Order may meet, clasp the hand and learn from the pioneers, whose eyes have grown dim in the service, and whose shoulders bend from the burdens they have borne in our cause; but these same eyes may well brighten and sparkle at the spectacle before them. Behold a goodly sight! From the pine clad hills of Maine to the shores of the Golden Gate, from the Red River of the North to the Rio

Grande on the South; from the orange groves of Florida to that far off land over "where rolls the Oregon" and e'en from the islands of the sunset sea, they have come, the representative woman, the man of ability and leadership, the brightest and best from all communities; surely, surely, this will be a glorious meeting, for never before has the representation been so great and each bids the other welcome.

But hush, hark! A still small voice whispers, "are we all here?" Nay, some have passed:

"One road, and to one bourne
We all are goaded. Late
Or soon will issue from the urn
Of unrelenting Fate
The lot, that in yon bark exiles us all
To undiscovered shores, from which is no recall.
Death comes alike to all—to monarch's lordly hall
Or hovel of the beggar, and his summons none shall stay.
Nor song of birds, nor music of the lyre
Shall their lost sleep restore."

Let us not mourn them as lost but gone before; let us feel that somewhere, from some secure haven in the "Isles of the Blest" they watch and wait for us, and let our actions and deliberations be so pure, so unselfish, so free from all that is sordid and vain, they may look upon us and realize that in their work here, "they builded better than they knew." Below is appended a list of members of this General Grand Chapter who have gone before:

Mrs. Alice M. Cox, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas.

W. K. Dobbins, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas.

Mrs. Fena Woods Ford, Past Grand Matron of California.

Joseph M. Lawrance, Past Grand Patron of California.

Dr. Thomas Flint, Past Grand Patron of California.

George T. Cooper, Grand Patron of Colorado.

George D. Greenfield, Past Grand Patron of Colorado.

Miss Julia A. Grannis, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut.

William Wallace Lee, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut.

Sabert M. Casey, Past Grand Patron of Iowa.

Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, Past Grand Matron of Kansas.

William Julien, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.

Hadley Orison Hawes, Past Grand Patron of Maine.

Algernon M. Roak, Past Grand Patron of Maine.

Mrs. Mary Olive Davis, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts.

John P. Loring, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Daniel Seagrave, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Henry Spavin, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Amos M. Parker, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Jefferson S. Conover, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Grand Patron of Michigan.

Benjamin R. Rose, Past Grand Patron of Michigan.

Mrs. M. Sue Black, Past Grand Matron of Missouri.

Dr. Reuben Barney, Past Grand Patron of Missouri.

Elijah H. Phelps, Past Grand Patron of Missouri.

Mrs. Marion L. Wood, Past Grand Matron of Montana.

Thomas G. Matthews, Past Grand Patron of Montana.

William N. Nason, Past Grand Patron of Nebraska.

William E. Boone, Past Grand Patron of New Jersey.

John Woodhead, Past Grand Patron of New Jersey.

James Martin, Past Grand Patron of New Jersey.

Frank L. Taylor, Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Elishas P. Clarke, Past Grand Patron of Rhode Island.

John M. Nye, Past Grand Patron of Rhode Island.

Anson Thomas Rice, Past Grand Patron of Rhode Island.

Albert W. Coe, Past Grand Patron of South Dakota.

Mrs. Ida I. Wing, Past Grand Matron of Vermont.

A. A. Hinman, Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin.

APPROVAL OF BONDS AND APPOINTMENTS.

On October 30, 1901, I was pleased to approve the bonds of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, and of our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Sister Harriette A. Ercanbrack; have approved a renewal of said bonds each year since, and have kept the papers in a safety vault.

On February 25, 1902, I approved the appointment of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin as Second Vice President of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair Fraternal Building Association. On the 29th of the same month approved the appointment of Sister Sallie E. Dillon as Chairman of Finance for the Eastern Star in the same Association.

On April 30, 1902, approved the appointment of Sister Harriette A. Ercanbrack as Treasurer of the Eastern Star finances in the same Association. I decided that her official bond was sufficient to cover this appointment. How well these three estimable sisters have performed their various duties, I leave you who are in St. Louis today, to judge for yourselves.

CALLS FOR GRAND CHAPTERS.

In accordance with the law, I have, in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, signed calls for the following Grand Chapters: Oklahoma, New Mexico, Idaho, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Scotland.

RECOGNITION NOTICES.

I have also signed, in conjunction with these officers, the recognition notices for these eight Grand Chapters.

CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

As the Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, I have organized the following Chapters:

- April 5, 1902, Roswell Chapter, No. 10, Roswell, New Mexico.
- June 4, 1904, Keystone Chapter, No. 14, St. Augustine, Florida.
- August 18, 1904, Laura Chapter, No. 5, Glasgow, Scotland.

CHAPTERS RE-ORGANIZED.

I have re-organized the following Chapters, and trust they will continue work with energy:

- Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, Mississippi.
- Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, Mississippi.
- Rebecca Chapter, No. 7, Mississippi.
- Easter Chapter, No. 7, South Carolina.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

February 14, 1902. Organized the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, assisted by Sister Madeleine B. Conkling, R. W. Associate Grand Matron; Brother W. F. Kuhn, R. W. Associate Grand Patron, and Sister M. Alice Miller, Worthy Grand Marshal.

April 11, 1902. Organized the Grand Chapter of New Mexico at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

April 18, 1902. Organized the Grand Chapter of Idaho at Weiser, Idaho.

June 9, 1903. Organized the Grand Chapter of Kentucky at Louisville, Kentucky, assisted by Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.

June 7, 1904. Organized the Grand Chapter of Florida at Sanford, Florida.

June 22, 1904. Assisted in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Virginia at Richmond, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother L. Cabell Williamson, presiding.

June 29, 1904. Organized the Grand Chapter of West Virginia at Wheeling; was assisted by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin.

August 20, 1904. Organized the Grand Chapter of Scotland, at Glasgow, Scotland.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

On May 20, 1902, I accepted the resignation of Brother Chas. A. Eckert as Worthy Grand Chaplain.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS.

By and with the advice and approval of the M. W. Grand Patron, I appointed Brother Alfred C. McDaniel to fill this vacancy, and duly installed him into office at the Grand Chapter of Texas in October, 1902.

In October, 1901, I appointed Sister Hattie E. Ewing to install Sister Helen C. Cole, as Worthy Grand Warder, at the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

On July 12, 1904, appointed Sister Susan Fisher Rose to represent our Order as a fraternal delegate to the Triennial Review of the Supreme Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, held June 19, at Detroit, Michigan.

Sister Rose reports that her "greeting was beautifully received by the convention," and I desire to thank this worthy Sister for her graceful representation.

COURTESIES RECEIVED.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana has made me an Honorary Member of that body, presenting me with a handsome scroll indicating same. I have received invitations to visit all the Grand Chapters which have met during my term of office. I have been able to accept but few for reasons hereinafter stated; usually I have replied to these cordial invitations by letters of greeting, though some have been overlooked during prolonged absence from home. I desire to thank all these Grand Chapters for their kindly courtesies. While organizing the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, I was invited to attend an open meeting of the G. A. R. the territorial encampment being then in session, and its commander a member of our order;

I was escorted to the platform, introduced, saluted with military honors and given a rousing cheer. By request I addressed this meeting and responses by several representative members followed. I certainly appreciated this honor from the veterans of our great struggle, the bitterness of which has been greatly softened by the Eastern Star and kindred Orders.

November 10, 1901, I attended the International Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, held at Fort Worth, Texas, convenient to my own home. I was introduced as a distinguished guest and received quite an ovation. In return I promised my official and personal support to the great cause of temperance.

December 14, 1901, I was advised of my appointment as Chairman of Finance for the Eastern Star in the proposed erection of the Temple of Fraternity; this appointment being inexpedient for obvious reasons, I declined in favor of Sister Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

I have issued 2,240 circular letters of fraternal greeting and trust they have borne fruit, or at least that the benefits may be reaped in the future.

My correspondence has been voluminous, especially in the latter half of my term.

Mizpah Chapter of Galveston and Alvin Chapter of Alvin, Texas, have presented me with beautiful memorials, tokens of their appreciation of the assistance I was happy to render in the name of the Order, in the event of the great storm which occurred on the Gulf Coast. These memorials are most valuable, not only as records but for the sentiment that came to me with their presentation.

On July 2, 1904, a most delightful reception was tendered me in the Temple of Fraternity by the Grand Officers of Missouri, and I hereby extend my thanks.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Have granted special dispensations to the following Chapters for what appeared to be "good and sufficient reasons."

November 19, 1901. To Loyante Chapter, No. 19, Idaho, to elect and install officers out of regular time.

December 7, 1901. To Port Huron Chapter, Michigan, a waiver of jurisdiction to confer the degree upon an applicant residing in Canada.

January 3, 1902. To Leahi Chapter, Honolulu, to hold meetings during the absence of their charter for correction.

January 6, 1902. To Hugh Duncan Chapter, Idaho, to legalize election and installation of officers.

January 14, 1902. To all Chapters in Nevada to hold meetings until the organization of a Grand Chapter or until the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

January 14, 1902. To Grayson Chapter, No. 26, Kentucky, to elect and install officers out of time.

January 14, 1902. To Eureka Chapter, No. 9, Florida, to elect and install officers out of time.

January 20, 1902. To Dora Chapter, No. 9, Kentucky, to elect and install officers out of regular time.

January 21, 1902. To Stroud Chapter, U. D., Oklahoma, to initiate members with charter.

January 28, 1902. To Weatherford Chapter, Oklahoma, to waive time on candidate.

February 14, 1902. To Guthrie Chapter, Oklahoma, to waive time on candidate.

March 4, 1902. To Argenta Chapter, Nevada, to elect Patron out of regular time.

June 16, 1902. To Leahi Chapter, No. 2, Hawaiian Islands, to suspend meetings during August and September.

June 25, 1902. To Martha Chapter of Nevada, to hold meetings until their Charter could be duplicated, the original being destroyed by fire.

June 25, 1902. To Lily of the Valley Chapter, South Carolina, to revive their Chapter and elect and install officers.

November 9, 1902. By special dispensation, granted waiver to Milwaukee Chapter, No. 2, to ballot upon and initiate Miss Crow of Canada.

December 28, 1902. To Lora Bryant Chapter of Kentucky, to elect and install officers out of time.

January 2, 1903. To Adah Chapter, No. 4, of Nevada, to elect and install officers out of time.

February 19, 1903. To Electric City Chapter, South Carolina, to elect and install officers out of time.

February 19, 1903. To Valley Chapter, No. 3, of Utah, to increase number of regular meetings.

March 11, 1903. To Ruth Chapter, No. 12, of Florida, to elect a Matron.

May 18, 1903. To Ruth Chapter, No. 19, of Kentucky, to elect a Matron.

May 18, 1903. To Gertrude Chapter, No. 6, of Kentucky, granting waiver of jurisdiction.

May 19, 1903. To Leahi Chapter, No. 2, of Hawaii, to take vacation.

June 8, 1903. To Long Beach Chapter, Mississippi, to resume work.

June 16, 1903. To Rebecca Chapter at Oxford, Miss., to resume work.

June 19, 1903. To Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, McComb City, Miss., to resume work.

November 23, 1903. To Adah Chapter, Nevada, to elect and install officers out of time.

September 6, 1903. To Tonopah Chapter, No. 10, Nevada, to change time of meeting.

June 15, 1904. To Esther Chapter, No. 7, of South Carolina, to resume work.

August 12, 1904. To Alexander Chapter, Scotland, to confer the degrees upon the Master of a Blue Lodge at Eyemouth, Scotland, to further the growth of the Order.

August 18, 1904. To "Laura" Chapter of Scotland, to confer the degrees for Fidelity Chapter in the same jurisdiction.

August 21, 1904. Minneapolis Chapter, No. 9, in form of waiver of jurisdiction to confer the degrees upon Mr. Leroy A. Woollett of Tampico, Mexico.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

September 27, 1901, Rio Arriba Chapter, New Mexico.

October 24, 1901, Queen Esther Chapter, Florida.

December 3, 1901, Dundee Chapter, Scotland.

January 14, 1902, Hawaii Chapter, Hawaii.

February 3, 1902, Grayson Chapter, Kentucky.

May 18, 1902, New Century Chapter, Calcutta.

June 14, 1902, Queen Esther Chapter, Kentucky.
June 14, 1902, Naomi Chapter, Kentucky.
July 25, 1902, Ruth Chapter, West Virginia.
September 22, 1902, Ruth Chapter, Florida.
January 4, 1903, Turquoise Chapter, Nevada.
January 30, 1903, Huntington Chapter, West Virginia.
July 11, 1903, Florida Chapter, Florida.
July 11, 1903, Leahi Chapter, Hawaii.
May 10, 1903, Bushnell Chapter, Florida.
May 24, 1903, Ruth Chapter, Nevada.
August 20, 1903, Silver State Chapter, Nevada.
May 10, 1903, Approved Amendment to By-Laws, Hawaii Chapter, H. T.
July 12, 1903, Approved Amendment to By-Laws, Adah Chapter, Nevada.
July 24, 1903, Approved Amendment to By-Laws, Leahi Chapter, H. T.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR PAPERS.

It is my pleasure to commend our two leading papers, "The Eastern Star" published at Indianapolis, and "Mizpah" published at Marlboro, Mass. I suggest that each Chapter subscribe for one or both of these excellent journals. The good they will do can only be learned by a trial.

Various Masonic papers have also found their way to my desk during the three years about to close. I am grateful for these remembrances as they nearly all devote a page or a column to the Eastern Star, a proof that the purpose of the Order is being recognized.

MASONIC HOMES.

I am very much interested in Masonic Homes and it has been my pleasure and profit to visit and inspect the following: Masonic Home of Texas, Fort Worth; Masonic Home of Kentucky at Louisville; Masonic Home of Tennessee at Nashville; Masonic Home of Virginia at Richmond and Masonic Home of Missouri at St. Louis. I have found these institutions ex-

cellent, and discharging as nearly as possible the purposes for which they were inaugurated. In most cases they are ably assisted by the Eastern Star.

DECISIONS.

Many queries have been made concerning the proper application of the laws of the Order, which I have not deemed expedient to include in this report, as a more careful study of the ritual and constitution by our officers and members at large would obviate the necessity of asking questions; the few decisions I have thought correct to make are here appended.

Question. Is the Queen of the South or the Amaranth degree a part of the Eastern Star.

Answer. No.

Question. Is the White Shrine of Jerusalem a higher degree of the Eastern Star?

Answer. No.

Question. Are there any higher degrees of the Eastern Star?

Answer. No.

Question. Are Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter allowed to use the McCoy ritual?

Answer. No.

Question. A Mason comes to our town, affiliates with the Blue Lodge and establishes a business and a home; then sends for his wife from another state. Is she eligible to join our Chapter at once?

Answer. She is eligible to apply for membership at once, the husband having established her residence.

Question. Is a negro eligible to membership in our Order?

Answer. No.

Question. May a Mexican woman, the wife, widow, or daughter of a Mason, be admitted to the Order?

Answer. Yes; if elected by a Chapter.

Question. May the daughter or a sister of a Mason who has married a Mexican be admitted to the Order?

Answer. Yes; if elected by a Chapter.

Question. May a Catholic woman who is the wife, widow, daughter or sister of a Mason be admitted?

Answer. Yes.

Question. "The Worthy Matron elect of our Chapter went to

visit in another state before her installation could take place, and has not returned, though six months have elapsed." What shall we do?

Answer. Elect and install another W. M. at a meeting where the members have been summoned for that purpose, acting under a special dispensation from the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Question. How can a sister who has been made a member of the Investigating Committee ascertain the Masonic standing or relationship of an applicant?

Answer. She cannot. This is made the special duty of the brother on the Committee.

Question. May not the wife of a Mason who is under 18 years of age be admitted in states where all married women are considered of age by law, at 18?

Answer. No. Our law is very plain on this point.

Question. A member dimits from our Chapter and afterward applies for re-instatement; she is rejected as an actual member, but is retained as a "contributory member" and has paid her dues promptly; how shall I report her to the R. W. Grand Secretary?

Answer. Do not report her as any sort of a member; we have no members but those who have been elected in the regular way.

Question. May the wife of a non-affiliated Mason be admitted to the Order?

Answer. No. (See ritual and constitution).

Question. May the grand-daughter of a Mason be admitted?

Answer. Yes; if she has been legally adopted.

Question. Should the wife of a Knight Templar be allowed special privileges or promotion on that account?

Answer. No.

Question. A lady, whose husband has dimitted that he may aid in organizing another Lodge, applies to our Chapter; can we receive her petition?

Answer. Better wait until the husband has joined the new Lodge.

Question. A lady, partially blind, applies to us; she is able to discern the signs and emblems, but not the colors; may we admit her?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Is any sister in good standing eligible to the office of Matron?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Can a Chapter claim a member dimitted when there is no record of a dimit issued, and the Secretary has failed to issue same?

Answer. No.

Question. Does the presence of a dimitted member at a Chapter meeting render the work illegal?

Answer. No.

Question. How often should a dimitted member be allowed to visit any one Chapter, without applying for affiliation?

Answer. In justice to the Chapter, not more than three times.

Question. Our Chapter has three honorary members; must we pay a per capita tax for these members to the R. W. Grand Secretary?

Answer. No. Their dues are no doubt paid by the Chapter to which they regularly belong.

Question. Should a member, hailing from a New York or New Jersey Grand Chapter, be admitted to our Chapter?

(This question has been asked thirteen times).

Answer. Yes, but will refer again to this subject under the head of recommendations.

Question. Has the daughter of a Mason, married to a mulatto, the right to join our Chapter?

Answer. Do not confound "right" with eligibility. This daughter of a Mason may be eligible, but let your Chapter judge of the "right."

Question. May a Chapter appoint an Associate Patron?

Answer. Though our ritual does not provide for such an appointment, it does not forbid it; hence, I would answer, Yes, if conditions in the Chapter seemed to require it, *i. e.*, the Patron being often absent, it would be well for some brother to feel responsible for his work, and this would be the better accomplished by his appointment.

GRAND CHAPTERS VISITED.

I have visited but fourteen Grand Chapters, believing that my efforts would be the better employed by visiting, inspecting and instructing our own subordinate chapters, most of our Grand Chapters having happily passed the mark wherein they need outside advice or assistance.

Chapters visited under our own jurisdiction (including all but those situated in Nevada and the Hawaii Territory).

April 12, 1902. Attended meeting of Lynds Chapter, No. 1, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

April 13, 1902. Attended and instructed Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, at Ogden, Utah.

April 19, 1902. Attended meeting Mountain Chapter, No. 2, at Park City, Utah.

April 20, 1902. Attended meeting of Valley Chapter, No. 3, at Provo City, Utah.

April 24, 25, 26, 1902. Held schools of instruction for Roswell Chapter, No. 10, Roswell, New Mexico.

June 5 and 6, 1903. Held schools of instruction with Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, at Gulfport, Miss.

June 11, 1903. Held school of instructions with Ruth Chapter, No. 6, Okolona, Miss.

June 12, 1903. Held school of instruction with Nettleton Chapter, No. 8, at Nettleton, Miss.

June 14, 1903. Held school of instruction with Rebecca Chapter, No. 7, at Oxford, Miss.

June 17, 1903. Attended meeting of W. F. Cole Chapter, No. 5, at Water Valley, Miss.

June 18, 1903. Endeavored to hold a meeting with Crystal Springs Chapter, No. 8, but could not get a quorum.

June 20, 1903. Held school of instruction with Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, at McComb City, Miss.

June 6, 1904. Held school of instruction with Keystone Chapter, No. 14, St. Augustine, Florida.

June 11, 1904. Held meeting and school of instruction with Esther Chapter, No. 7, at Columbia, S. C.

June 12, 1904. Attempted to get a quorum to hold meeting with Electric City Chapter, No. 4, at Anderson, S. C. Failed.

June 14, 1904. Held meeting with Greenwood Chapter, No. 4, Greenwood, S. C.

June 16, 1904. Endeavored to hold meeting with Electa Chapter, No. 6, at Greenville, but failed to get a quorum.

June 18, 1904. Held meeting and school of instruction with Golden Rule Chapter, No. 4, and Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 2, at Pittsboro, North Carolina.

June 20, 1904. Held meeting and school of instruction with the Signet Chapter, No. 6, at La Grange, N. C.

August 11, 1904. Met with and held school of instruction for Alexandria Chapter, Fidelity and Pollok at Glasgow, Scotland.

August 16, 1904. Met with and held school of instruction with Dundee Chapter, Dundee, Scotland.

August 17, 1904. Held special school of instruction with "Laura" Chapter, Glasgow, Scotland.

I have visited many chapters under the Sovereign Grand

Chapters, but as these visits were not official, it is not my province to report them here. In all cases I have met with kindness, courtesy and the honors due your Most Worthy Grand Matron.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First. I recommend that Section 1, "Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters" be amended so far as it conflicts with accepted decisions 22 and 23 of my esteemed predecessor, Sister Hattie E. Ewing, and accepted decision No. 43 of Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary E. Partridge; these premises have embarrassed me somewhat, as the same question has been asked me a number of times; as I consider it the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to render decisions in accordance with the established laws of the Order. I felt that I could not do so in this point without reversing the decisions of the above named sisters which I was loth to do.

Second. I recommend that the work of establishing chapters and building up the Order in the states of North and South Carolina and Mississippi be delegated by the Most Worthy Grand Patron to members of the Masonic Fraternity, who, by their standing or prestige in Masonry, are enabled to give the Order sufficient impetus. I have devoted considerable attention to the matter and believe that the existing social conditions in these three states must be met in a way which only the Most Worthy Grand Patron has the power to do.

Third. I recommend that Section 2, Art. III, of the constitution be so amended, i. e. insert "Most Worthy Grand Matron" after "Most Worthy Grand Patron" and before the word "or" in the last line, this to concur with Art. VIII, Section 5.

Fourth. I recommend that Section 4 of Art. VIII be amended thus: insert the words "in conjunction with Most

Worthy Grand Matron" between the words "power" and "to" in second line.

Fifth. I recommend that Section 2 of Art. VII be eliminated from our constitution.

Sixth. I recommend that the Most Worthy Grand Matron be empowered with authority to arrest the charter of any chapter which persists in adding to or taking from the matter contained in our ritual.

Seventh. I have been approached by prominent officers of the National Council of Women, touching upon the subject of our affiliation with that worthy and honorable body; in this day and age of broad thought and liberal speech, I can see no good reason why we should not accept this invitation. I therefore recommend that the Most Worthy Grand Matron be empowered to take the necessary steps for this affiliation; many societies composed of both men and women, are a part of this organization, hence this objection is without weight, as we could always be represented by a sister.

Along this line I desire to call your attention to the beautiful "Temple of Fraternity" which is the result, not of the efforts of one organization, but of the combined efforts of all, thus showing that in "Union there is strength."

Eighth. I recommend that the dues of the following chapters be remitted, all having agreed to resume work if this special leniency be allowed them.

Long Beach Chapter, No. 2, Mississippi, 1901-1902.

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, Mississippi, 1900-1901.

Rebecca Chapter, No. 7, Mississippi, 1902-1903.

Esther Chapter, No. 7, South Carolina, 1900-1-2-3.

Ninth. I earnestly recommend that the resolutions adopted by the Convention called to organize the Grand Chapter of Scotland, be approved by this General Grand Chapter,

these resolutions to be presented by the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I congratulate the General Grand Chapter on its excellent financial condition as will be seen by the reports of our bonded officers.

THE SCOTLAND MATTER.

This subject will be treated in full by the Most Worthy Grand Patron; hence I will but touch upon a few points which came into my personal experience.

When, after several conferences between my worthy colleagues and myself, it appeared to be necessary that I should go to Scotland, I will confess to a faint sinking of the heart at the thought of the long journey, taken alone to a foreign land, where I would meet only strangers—but adhering to the old motto “nothing risked, nothing gained,” I sailed from New York on Saturday, July 30, arriving at Glasgow the evening of the following Saturday.

August 6. After a rest over Sunday, I immediately began operations to bring together and amalgamate two factions or branches of the Order, between which there had hitherto existed the most bitter antagonism. Conferences were held with leaders of both sides, the result being that on Saturday, August 20, I was called to preside over a convention in Glasgow, which resulted in a union of forces and the organization of the “Grand Chapter of Scotland,” the same to use the ritual of the General Grand Chapter; the convention was unique and remarkable; ten chapters were represented, five from each faction. Perfect harmony prevailed, and it was a delight to see old friends, who had *thought* they were

enemies, shaking hands and agreeing to disagree no more. Some details will still have to be adjusted in the spirit of the Order, but I shall feel safe in predicting a wonderful growth and great success in this, our young sister across the Atlantic. In the happy results which attended my stay in the land of heather, I owe a special debt of gratitude to that venerable and venerated Mason, Brother R. S. Brown of Edinburgh. He is foremost among Scottish Masons, is well known in the masonic world, and has learned the lesson taught by Horace, to

"O'erlook the failings of your friends, and grow
Gentler and better as your sand runs low."

I desire to commend this gentle, tender and aged brother to all members of our Order.

My thanks are due Sister Maggie Foulds and Brother Alfred Murray, both of the late Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, for the courtesy and kindness in which they met my propositions for union, also to Brother James Douglas and others of our chapters for their combined efforts to bring about a joyful and peaceful termination of the "War in Scotland."

If I felt that I would meet only strangers, I was speedily disillusioned; friends flocked to me on every hand, and every courtesy possible was extended me from chapters and members alike. My conduct of the convention seemed to be appreciated, and it is an almost unheard of thing for a woman to preside in that country. At the close of this memorable meeting (at which several brothers appeared in full and picturesque Highland costume) all joined in singing "Better lo'ed ye canna be," "Will ye no' come back again." I was greatly touched and felt that I was amply paid for my long and wearisome journey of nearly 7,000 miles.

After the convention I was called on by Sister Maggie

Foulds, Grand Matron, and Brother James Douglas, who in the name of their Grand Chapter, presented me with a handsome gold cross, with star set in diamonds in center, engraved on the front the English Rose, the Irish Shamrock and the Scotch Thistle. On the back is found my monogram and Old Glory and Union Jack with crossed stems. Underneath, the motto from the old Scotch song, "Better lo'ed ye canna be."

Till I travel "the last sad road" alone will my pulses thrill and my heart grow light with my memories of dear old Scotia's land.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The General Grand Chapter received three warm invitations to hold this Triennial, i. e. San Francisco, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Regarding the first, I have to say, that, *personally*, I wished very much to accept. It would have been very delightful to return to my native state after an absence of 25 years, and preside over so honorable a Body as this; as it is, I feel this to be a memorable occasion, and it would have been more so had it occurred by the shore of the Golden Gate. But many, many protests as to the great distance from all central points showed me that my feelings must give way to the good of all.

It would also have been delightful to meet at the birth place of the General Grand Chapter, Indianapolis, but the constant cry, never-ending cry, was for St. Louis, St. Louis. Therefore the committee, feeling it a duty to serve and please a great majority, chose St. Louis as the meeting place.

I extend to the members of California and Indiana my warmest thanks for their hearty and hospitable invitations, and I most earnestly hope, that no officer or member of this General Grand Chapter will permit the attractions of the

sublimest Exhibitions the world has ever seen, to interfere with their constant attendance upon this Triennial Convocation. We are here for business—let us attend to it first and take our pleasure afterward.

CONCLUSION AND APPRECIATION.

I am sure this General Grand Chapter realizes how fully I appreciate the honor which it conferred on me three years since. I have met with the utmost kindness and consideration from all members, and to all I return thanks. To the courteous and refined gentleman who sits at my left, I owe a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid. "God and nature hath made him what he is"—the true American gentleman. May his type never grow less. Brother W. F. Kuhn, R. W. Associate Grand Patron, has also been of much assistance to me, and I shall always remember him as the practical, sensible, yet kindly man of business, who, on several occasions, made the "crooked places straight" for me. I have no words in which to express my gratitude and appreciation of Lorraine J. Pitkin: "to know her is to love her," and to appreciate her at par value, one must be intimately associated with her for three years. Regarding these officers I have felt,

"Till time has made us wise, 'tis sweet to wait
Upon the words and teachings of the great."

On account of the congested condition of westward travel I was detained in Great Britain two weeks longer than I expected, and fearing to leave the arranging of my papers to that very uncertain period passed on the ocean, this report was prepared in odd snatches of time in the cold city of Glasgow, at one of its colder hotels, and I am sure, in the coldest room of the hotel, hence if it lack warmth and enthusiasm, you will understand why. It is certainly not the well rounded, complete paper I expected to present.

It seemed difficult to get return passage to "my ain countrie," and now that I stand today under the folds of Old Glory, I feel this truth:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
That never to himself hath said,
This is my *own*, my native land"

and I thank God that I am an American.

Let us meet here today as *friends* in the true sense of that word—let us make friends and *keep them*. A free translation from one of the old Greeks, though homely in rhyme, tells us how:

"For we are bound to treat a friend's defect,
With touch most tender, and a fond respect;
With softening phrases will the flaw disguise.
So, if one friend too close a fist betrays,
Let us ascribe it to his frugal ways;
Or is another—such we often find—
To flippant jest and braggart talk inclined?
'Tis only from a kindly wish to try
To make the time 'mongst friends go lightly by;
Another's tongue is brusque and over-free,
Let's call it bluntless and sincerity;
Another's choleric; him we must screen,
As cursed with feelings for his peace too keen.
This is the course, methinks, that makes a friend,
And, having made, secures him to the end."

I thank you once more for your consideration, and sign myself,

Humbly yours,

LAURA B. HART,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Upon motion of William H. Saunders, the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Willis D. Engle, Mrs. Grace M. Ames.

Finance, Ways and Means.—William H. Norris, Mrs. Mary R. Inghram, Mrs. Sadie D. McGoldrick.

Unfinished Business.—Charles A. Nesbitt, Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Miss Azele Caruthers.

Jurisprudence.—Henry L. Stillson, Mrs. Alice H. Smith, Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Mrs. Elizabeth Salter.

Appeals and Grievances.—Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, Mrs. Annie L. Tilton.

Charters.—Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, Mrs. Katie I. Thomas, Mrs. Della Bennett.

Addresses.—Mrs. Alcena Lamond, S. Penrose Williams, Mrs. Louise L. Johnson.

Memorial.—Mark P. Olney, Mrs. Icia F. Swartz, Mrs. Agnes V. Young.

Upon motion of Willis D. Engle, Miss Mary Jean White, the Grand Matron of Missouri, appointed brothers from the local Chapters in St. Louis to assist the Grand Sentinel in guarding the several doors of the Cathedral.

At the request of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, L. Cabell Williamson presented the Most Worthy Grand Matron with a mallet made by John Foulds of Glasgow, the wood being from the wreck of the Spanish Armada.

Upon motion of Willis D. Engle, the General Grand Chapter called off, to reconvene at 2:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MONDAY, Sept. 19, 1904.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2:30 o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

ADDRESS OF MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON,
L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Members of the
General Grand Chapter; Sisters and Brothers:*

We are meeting in the Eleventh Triennial Session to consider questions of most vital importance to this General Grand Chapter and to the Order of the Eastern Star. The time, place and large attendance are all favorable to a wise solution of every question presented for our consideration.

By the action of this General Grand Chapter the Most Worthy Grand Patron was directed to take charge and control of the existing subordinate chapters of the State of Nevada, then eight in number, and at the earliest possible time organize a grand chapter in that State. In pursuance of this direction, I assumed charge and control of said Chapters and have since organized two other chapters

in said State, but have found it impracticable to organize a grand chapter because of local conditions. The conditions which forbid the organization of a grand chapter in Nevada are these:—the long distances separating the several Chapters and the difficulty and expense incident to travel. While I regret exceedingly the conditions that prevented me from organizing a grand chapter in Nevada, yet, I feel confident, with the two new Chapters, that my successor will be able to organize a Grand Chapter in this State in the near future.

I was also instructed to organize a grand chapter in Oklahoma at the earliest possible practicable moment, which instruction, I am glad to say, I have been able to fully carry out.

I have constituted and caused to be instituted chapters and organized grand chapters as follows:—

FLORIDA.

Ruth Chapter No. 12, at Fort Pierce; dispensation issued April 10, 1902, chapter organized July 18, 1902, by Frederick A. Morgan, Deputy, with 21 charter members. Charter granted July 23, 1902. Mrs. Frances S. Cross, W. M. Henry I. Klopp, W. P. Mrs. Emeline R. Tyler, A. M.

Grace Chapter No. 13, at Wellhorn; dispensation issued July 7, 1902, chapter organized July 21, 1902, by J. W. Bell, Deputy, with 20 charter members. Charter granted Sept. 17, 1902. Mrs. Laura J. Olliff, W. M. C. B. Oliff, W. P. Mrs. Jennie Spencer, A. M.

Florida Chapter No. 14, at Pensacola; dispensation issued May 26, 1903, chapter organized June 10, 1903, by W. E. Anderson, Deputy, with 33 charter members. Charter granted July 2, 1903. Mrs. Marie L. Weeks, W. M. William E. Anderson, W. P. Mrs. Eva Gibbs, A. M.

Bushnell Chapter No. 15, at Bushnell; dispensation issued

Jan. 13, 1904, chapter organized Feb. 17, 1904, by James M. Dewitt, Deputy, with 27 charter members. Charter granted March 10, 1904. Mrs. Katie Hooker, W. M. James M. Dewitt, W. P. Miss Gertrude Pierce, A. M.

Evergreen Chapter No. 16, at Tampa; dispensation issued March 22, 1904, chapter organized April 21, 1904, by John C. White, Deputy, with 22 charter members. Charter granted June 2, 1904. Miss Azele E. Caruthers, W. M. Herman Glogowski, W. P. Mrs. Maria G. Post, A. M.

Keystone Chapter No. 17, at St. Augustine; dispensation issued May 17, 1904, chapter organized June 4, 1904, by John W. Sineath, Deputy, with 41 charter members. Charter granted June 4, 1904. Mrs. Catherine J. Sineath, W. M. George A. Miller, W. P. Mrs. Mary A. Corbett, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Florida was organized June 7, 1904, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., July 23, 1904.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in Florida met in Sanford on the 7th day of June, 1904, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron,

Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Florida duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Alice Robbins, Grand Matron, Sanford; James Cornell, Grand Patron, Ormond; Mrs. Cora H. Dittmar, Grand Secretary, Ft. Pierce.

The Grand Chapter of Florida was organized June 7, 1904.

Chicago, July 26, 1904.

IDAHO.

Lorraine Chapter No. 20, at Payette; dispensation issued November 25, 1901, chapter organized January 7, 1902, by C. Hinze, Deputy, with 34 charter members. Charter granted Feb. 26, 1902. Mrs. Emma F. Lauer, W. M. William L. Ryder, W. P. Mrs. Sarah P. Driscoll, A. M.

Henrietta Chapter No. 21, at Idaho Falls; dispensation issued April 9, 1902, chapter organized April 12, 1902, by W. S. Lyle, Deputy, with 33 charter members. Charter granted April 16, 1902. Mrs. Lula M. Barclay, W. M. W. S. Lyle, W. P. Mrs. Viola M. Lyle, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Idaho was organized April 17, 1902, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1902.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in Idaho met in Weiser on the 18th day of April, 1902, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Idaho duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Louisa M. Rhea, Grand Matron, Weiser; Edward L. Ligget, Grand Patron, Wallace; Miss Helen Coston, Grand Secretary, Boise.

The Grand Chapter of Idaho was organized April 18, 1902.

Chicago, May 3, 1902.

KENTUCKY.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, at Louisville; dispensation issued March 27, 1902, chapter re-organized April 17, 1902, by Rev. H. R. Coleman, Deputy, with 38 charter members. Charter granted May 29, 1902. Mrs. Amanda S. Simpson, W. M. Wm. H. Bartholomew, W. P. Mrs. Susan A. Bartholomew, A. M.

Somerset Chapter No. 27, at Somerset; dispensation issued March 27, 1902, chapter organized April 11, 1902, by F. J. Wolfe, Sr., Deputy, with 20 charter members. Charter granted April 17, 1902. Mrs. Kate Livingston, W. M. Rufus Ashurst, W. P. Mrs. Etta W. Smith, A. M.

Electa Chapter No. 28, at Louisville; dispensation issued April 16, 1902, chapter organized April 21, 1902, by Rev. H. R. Coleman, Deputy, with 37 charter members. Charter granted May 16, 1902. Miss Marie Sue Van Roen, W. M. Louis L. Lussky, W. P. Mrs. Laura Van Arnam, A. M.

Clarkson Chapter No. 29, at Clarkson; dispensation issued April 24, 1902, chapter organized May 3, 1902, by Rev. H. R. Coleman, Deputy, with 23 charter members. Charter granted June 2, 1902. Mrs. Annie Horn, W. M. J. Will Rogers, W. P. Mrs. Sallie G. Bratcher, A. M.

Violet Chapter No. 30, at Leathers' Store; dispensation issued May 7, 1902, chapter organized May 17, 1902, by T. J. Leathers, Deputy, with 23 charter members. Charter granted May 23, 1902. Mrs. Paralee Leathers, W. M. T. J. Leathers, W. P. Mrs. Mary Jane Yocum, A. M.

Naomi Chapter No. 31, at Louisville; dispensation issued April 30, 1902, chapter organized May 12, 1902, by Rev. H. R. Coleman, Deputy, with 33 charter members. Charter granted June 4, 1902. Mrs. Josephine H. Tinder, W. M. Charles Gipe, W. P. Mrs. Addie H. Jones, A. M.

Shawhan Chapter No. 32, at Shawhan; dispensation issued July 7, 1902, chapter organized Sept. 25, 1902, by J. G. Williams, Deputy, with 25 Charter members. Charter granted

Dec. 9, 1902. Mrs. May E. Ballinger, W. M. James T. Snodgrass, W. P. Miss Emma T. Smith, A. M.

Bright Star Chapter No. 33, at Parkland; dispensation issued June 2, 1902, chapter organized June 7, 1902, by Rev. H. R. Coleman, Deputy, with 30 charter members. Charter granted July 24, 1902. Mrs. Lillie Boegershausen, W. M. R. H. Carothers, W. P. Mrs. T. M. Lansford, A. M.

Ruth-Electa Chapter No. 34, at Franklin; dispensation issued July 23, 1902, chapter organized July 31, 1902, by Rob Morris, Deputy, with 72 charter members. Charter granted July 23, 1902. Mrs. D. A. Duncan, W. M. Rob Morris, W. P. Mrs. Bettie Brown, A. M.

Fountain Run Chapter No. 35, at Fountain Run; dispensation issued Oct. 1, 1902, chapter organized Oct. 4, 1902, by Rob Morris, with 22 charter members. Charter granted Nov. 19, 1902. Mrs. Regina A. Bridges, W. M. John R. Gregory, W. P. Mrs. Jennie Barr, A. M.

Gertrude Chapter No. 36, at Newport; dispensation issued March 23, 1903, chapter organized April 6, 1903, by P. T. Kaighn, Deputy, with 40 charter members. Charter granted June 2, 1903. Mrs. Alice M. Walker, W. M. Geo. H. Hindman, W. P. Miss Evelyn Mitchel, A. M.

Bryant Chapter No. 37, at Corbin; dispensation issued April 20, 1903, chapter organized June 10, 1903, by J. F. Bryant, Deputy, with 43 charter members. Charter granted June 10, 1903. Mrs. Jennie Bryant, W. M. John J. Hagan, W. P. Mrs. Dora White, A. M.

Ewing Star No. 38, at Ewing; dispensation issued May 19, 1903, chapter organized May 27, 1903, by A. P. Gooding, Deputy, with 25 charter members. Charter granted June 8, 1903. Mrs. E. Lee Smith, W. M. A. P. Gooding, W. P. Mrs. W. J. West, A. M.

Vashti Chapter No. 39, at Ludlow; dispensation issued May 26, 1903, chapter organized June 1, 1903, by J. C. Green, Deputy, with 24 charter members. Charter granted June 3,

1903. Mrs. Amanda Helman, W. M. C. H. Grigler, W. P.
Mrs. Emma Klein, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was organized June 10, 1903, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., July 20, 1903.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in Kentucky met in Louisville on the 9th day of June, 1903, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Kentucky duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Kate I. Thomas, Grand Matron, Dayton; R. H.

Corothers, Grand Patron, Louisville; Mrs. Josephine H. Tinder, Grand Secretary, Louisville, 1316 West Main St.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was organized June 10, 1903.

Chicago, July 22, 1903.

MISSISSIPPI.

Durant Chapter No. 8, at Durant; dispensation issued Aug. 14, 1902, chapter organized Sept. 1, 1902, by W. O. Glines, Deputy, with 16 charter members. Charter granted Sept. 10, 1902. Mrs. Emma B. Smith, W. M. A. H. Owen, W. P. Mrs. J. M. Schild, A. M.

Crystal Springs Chapter No. 9, at Crystal Springs; dispensation issued Nov. 14, 1902, chapter organized Jan. 28, 1903, by N. L. Hutchison, Deputy, with 28 charter members. Charter granted Feb. 19, 1903. Mrs. Ella Olive Biggs, W. M. Lewis G. C. Gates, W. P. Mrs. Eunice Miller Lockwood, A. M.

Magdalene Chapter No. 10, at Nettleton; dispensation issued Feb. 10, 1903, chapter organized Feb. 24, 1903, by W. A. Bodenhamer, Deputy, with 15 charter members. Charter granted March 16, 1903. Miss Sallie Buchanan, W. M. W. B. Moreland, W. P. Mrs. Johnnie Feemster, A. M.

NEVADA.

Turquoise Chapter No. 10, at Tonapah; dispensation issued Sept. 17, 1902, chapter organized Oct. 11, 1902, by A. L. Smith, Deputy, with 22 charter members. Charter granted Oct. 28, 1902. Mrs. Elizabeth H. MacDonald, W. M. Josiah R. Duffield, W. P. Mrs. Alice Pomeroy, A. M.

Ruth Chapter No. 11, at Lovelock; dispensation issued Feb. 24, 1904, chapter organized March 16, 1904, by Warren C. Noteware, Deputy, with 29 charter members. Charter granted May 20, 1904. Mrs. Marie Loring, W. M. Warren C. Noteware, W. P. Mrs. Nellie Carpenter, A. M.

NEW MEXICO.

Clayton Chapter No. 8, at Clayton; dispensation issued March 3, 1902, chapter organized March 18, 1902, by Jos. L. DeHaven, Deputy, with 21 charter members. Charter granted March 26, 1902. Mrs. Flora L. DeHaven, W. M. John C. Slack, W. P. Mrs. Clare Otto, A. M.

Magdalen Chapter No. 9, at Socorro; dispensation issued March 3, 1902, chapter organized March 13, 1902, by John E. Griffith, Deputy, with 18 charter members. Charter granted March 19, 1902. Mrs. Lizzie Griffith, W. M. E. A. Drake, W. P. Mrs. Mary Bartlett, A. M.

Roswell Chapter No. 10, at Roswell; dispensation issued April 4, 1902, and chapter organized same date by Mrs. Laura B. Hart, M. W. Grand Matron, acting as Deputy, with 37 charter members. Charter granted April 10, 1902. Mrs. Inez Chism, W. M. Harry W. Hamilton, W. P. Mrs. Allie Louise Slaughter, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico was organized April 11, 1902, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1902.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in New Mexico met in Albuquerque on the 11th day of April, 1902, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy

Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of New Mexico duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, Grand Matron, Silver City;
George Selby, Grand Patron, E. Las Vegas; Mrs. Minnie H.
Miller, Grand Secretary, Albuquerque, 602 S. Arno St.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico was organized April
11, 1902.

Chicago, May 3, 1902.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 2, at Ore Hill; dispensation issued Feb. 3, 1903, chapter organized March 14, 1903, by Robt. M. Gorrell, Deputy, with 27 charter members. Charter granted April 29, 1903. Mrs. Lucy E. Meadows, W. M. Chas. C. Cheel, W. P. Miss Nannie May White, A. M.

Potecasi Chapter No. 3, at Potecasi; dispensation issued Feb. 11, 1903, chapter organized Feb. 25, 1903, by R. W. Joyner, Deputy, with 26 charter members. Mrs. Estelle A. Joyner, W. M. S. C. Draper, W. P. Mrs. Mary W. Harrell, A. M. Charter granted March 23, 1903.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 4, at Pittsboro; dispensation issued March 31, 1903, chapter organized April 10, 1903, by W. M. Eubanks, Deputy, with 28 charter members. Charter

granted July 7, 1903. Mrs. Mamie G. Mann, W. M. G. R. Pilkington, W. P. Mrs. Annie E. Chapin, A. M.

St. Mary's Chapter No. 5, at Winton; dispensation issued April 6, 1903, chapter organized April 28, 1903, by Dr. R. W. Joyner, Deputy, with 12 charter members. Charter granted June 5, 1903. Mrs. Willie R. Daniel, W. M. Dr. C. F. Griffin, W. P. Mrs. Mamie L. Northcott, A. M.

Signet Chapter No. 6, at La Grange; dispensation issued May 5, 1903, chapter organized May 13, 1903, by Dr. J. W. Smithwick, with 23 charter members. Charter granted June 2, 1903. Mrs. Sue T. Fields, W. M. Dr. J. W. P. Smithwick, W. P. Mrs. Sudie T. Wooten, A. M.

Tallcott Chapter No. 7, at Washington; dispensation issued May 9, 1904, chapter organized May 16, 1904, by Thos. H. L. Tallcott, Deputy, of Glastonbury, Conn., with 32 charter members. Charter granted May 31, 1904. Mrs. Mame Dumay, W. M. Jas. H. Harris, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oden, A. M.

OKLAHOMA.

Watonga Chapter No. —, at Watonga; dispensation issued Jan. 16, 1902, chapter organized Feb. 3, 1902, by Edward S. Wheelock, Deputy, with 33 charter members. Mrs. Ida M. Seeley, W. M. J. M. Griffice, W. P. Mrs. Anna Wheelock, A. M.

Billings Chapter No. —, at Billings; dispensation issued Jan. 16, 1902, chapter organized Jan. 30, 1902, by Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Deputy, with 25 charter members. Mrs. Lucinda Gilpin, W. M. Nicholas M. Ellis, W. P. Mrs. Sarah J. Graves, A. M.

Mizpah Chapter No. —, at Cheyenne; dispensation issued Jan. 16, 1902, chapter organized Jan. 23, 1902, by Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Deputy, with 16 charter members. Mrs. Sarah

M. McKinney, W. M. A. G. Gray, W. P. Mrs. Ruth Miller, A. M.

Lawton Chapter No. —, at Lawton; dispensation issued Feb. 3, 1902, chapter organized Feb. 6, 1902, by C. W. Starling, Deputy, with 34 charter members. Mrs. Maria E. Stryker, W. M. William H. Thompson, W. P. Miss Georgia Sheldon, A. M.

Charters for the four above-named Chapters were issued by the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, which was organized Feb. 14, 1902.

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Territory was organized Feb. 14, 1902, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, assisted by the R. W. A. G. Matron, Sister Conkling, the R. W. A. G. Patron, Brother Kuhn, and the W. G. Marshal, Sister Miller and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., March 1, 1902.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in Oklahoma Territory met in Guthrie on the 14th day of February, 1902, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand

Chapter of Oklahoma Territory duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST :

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Matte Eagleton, Grand Matron, Pawnee; Thos. A. Blaise, Grand Patron, Oklahoma City; Mrs. P. M. L. Ray, Grand Secretary, Guthrie.

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Territory was organized Feb. 14, 1902.

Chicago, March 3, 1902.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ruth Chapter No. 9, at Newberry; dispensation issued Oct. 27, 1902, chapter organized Nov. 6, 1902, by Otto Klettner, Deputy, with 34 charter members. Charter granted Nov. 19, 1902. Mrs. Hattie J. Mayer, W. M. Van Smith, W. P. Miss Elizabeth Dominick, A. M.

VIRGINIA.

Tidal Wave Chapter No. 9, at Port Norfolk; dispensation issued June 2, 1902, chapter organized June 6, 1902, by Chas. A. Nesbitt, Deputy, with 31 charter members. Charter granted Aug. 22, 1902. Mrs. Mary A. Ridley, W. M. T. U. Ridley, W. P. Mrs. Minnie Roper, A. M.

Urbanna Chapter No. 10, at Urbanna; dispensation issued Dec. 30, 1902, chapter organized Jan. 20, 1903, by Chas. A. Nesbitt, Deputy, with 39 charter members. Charter granted Feb. 11, 1903. Mrs. W. S. Christian, W. M. Booker Garnett, W. P. Miss Virgie Lee Pitt, A. M.

Blair Chapter No. 11, at Williamsburg; dispensation issued Feb. 11, 1903, chapter organized Feb. 19, 1903, by Chas. A. Nesbitt, Deputy, with 51 charter members. Charter granted March 12, 1903. Mrs. Kate K. Roberts, W. M. Parke Jones, W. P. Mrs. Emma Jones, A. M.

Liberty Chapter No. 12, at Bedford City; dispensation issued Oct. 13, 1903, chapter organized Dec. 1, 1903, by George S. Spencer, Deputy, with 32 charter members. Charter granted Jan. 25, 1904. Mrs. Susa M. Fairbanks, W. M. Joseph A. Rucker, W. P. Mrs. Sarah J. Wentworth, A. M.

Chesapeake Chapter No. 13, at New Market; dispensation issued Dec. 22, 1903, chapter organized Dec. 28, 1903, by John Hardy, Deputy, with 22 charter members. Charter granted Jan. 13, 1904. Mrs. Mary F. Towill, W. M. John Hardy, W. P. Mrs. Emma A. Jackson, A. M.

Pocahontas Chapter No. 14, at Pocahontas; dispensation issued May 24, 1904, chapter organized June 10, 1904, by John M. Newton, Deputy, with 28 charter members. Charter granted June 14, 1904. Mrs. Annie M. Leckie, W. M. Thompson S. Crockett, Jr., W. P. Mrs. Josephine Stump, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia was organized June 22, 1904, by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, L. Cabell Williamson, assisted by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Lorraine J. Pitkin, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., July 23, 1904.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in

Virginia met in Richmond on the 22nd day of June, 1904, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Virginia duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Annie L. Huber, Grand Matron, Richmond; Chas. A. Nesbitt, Grand Patron, Richmond; Mrs. Mary E. Nesbitt, Grand Secretary, Richmond, Masonic Temple.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia was organized June 22, 1904.

Chicago, July 26, 1904.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Ruth Chapter No. 7, at Middlebourne; dispensation issued April 16, 1902, chapter organized May 5, 1902, by W. W. Chrisley, Deputy, with 24 charter members. Charter granted May 13, 1902. Miss J. Dora Carter, W. M. Dr. M. M. Reppard, W. P. Mrs. Mary Grim, A. M.

Huntington Chapter No. 8, at Huntington; dispensation issued Oct. 27, 1902, chapter organized Oct. 30, 1902, by J. H. Williams, Deputy, with 45 charter members. Charter

granted Dec. 30, 1902. Mrs. Mary J. Wallace, W. M. J. M. Hawkins, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Dickey, A. M.

Lorraine Chapter No. 9, at Cameron; dispensation issued June 2, 1903, chapter organized June 5, 1903, by James B. Marr, Deputy, with 36 charter members. Charter granted June 24, 1903. Mrs. Lizzie Howard, W. M. Harry Burkley, W. P. Mrs. Margaret Shaner, A. M.

Alkire Chapter No. 10, at Keyser; dispensation issued Dec. 8, 1903, chapter organized Jan. 14, 1904, by W. E. Heskitt, Deputy, of Westernport, Md., with 28 charter members. Charter granted Jan. 22, 1904. Mrs. Carrie B. McNeill, W. M. George T. Carskadon, W. P. Mrs. Ella L. Parsons, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was organized June 28, 1904, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., July 23, 1904.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in West Virginia met in Wheeling on the 28th day of June, 1904, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a Constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand

Chapter of West Virginia duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

LAURA B. HART,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Anna E. Waterhouse, Grand Matron, Wheeling;
William E. Krupp, Grand Patron, Wheeling; Mrs. Elizabeth
S. Dinger, Grand Secretary, Wheeling, 20 N. Front St.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was organized
June 28, 1904.

Chicago, July 26, 1904.

INDIA.

The New Century Chapter No. 2, at Calcutta; dispensation issued Oct. 15, 1901, chapter organized Dec. 14, 1901, by Sarbotosh Bose, Deputy, with 20 charter members. Charter granted Feb. 26, 1902. Mrs. Edith Mathilde Jackson, W. M. Atul Krishna, W. P. Mrs. Mabel Lilian Brault, A. M.

SCOTLAND.

Fidelity Chapter No. 2, at Glasgow; dispensation issued Dec. 1, 1902, chapter organized Feb. 7, 1903, by John Healy Fash, Deputy, with 14 charter members. Mrs. Sarah Healy Fash, W. M. John Healy Fash, W. P. Mrs. Helen Douglas, A. M.

Alexandra Chapter No. 3, at Glasgow; dispensation issued Dec. 18, 1903, chapter organized Jan. 15, 1904, by Matthew Richmond. Deputy, with 16 charter members. Charter granted March 10, 1904. Mrs. Janet Chesney Rich-

mond, W. M. Alexander L. Somerville, W. P. Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Hart, A. M.

Pollok Chapter No. 4, at Pollokshaws; dispensation issued March 22, 1904, chapter organized ———, by Matthew Richmond, Deputy, with — charter members. Charter granted ———. Mrs. Helen Cram Wil-
sin, W. M. Gilbert Gunn, W. P. Mrs. Ellen MacDougall, A. M.

Laura Chapter No. 5, at Glasgow; chapter organized Aug. 13, 1904, by Mrs. Laura B. Hart, M. W. Grand Matron, with 19 charter members.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland was organized Aug. 20, 1904, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, acting as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and was recognized by the following proclamation:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1, 1904.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS: By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and,

WHEREAS: A constitutional number of Chapters in Scotland met in the City of Glasgow on the 20th day of August, 1904, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

THEREFORE: I, L. Cabell Williamson, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand

Chapter of Scotland duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

(SEAL.)

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
LAURA B. HART,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Maggie J. Foulds, 13 Elmbank St., Glasgow, Grand Matron; Alfred J. Murray, Grand Patron, Edinburgh; Gilbert Gunn, 112 Bath St., Glasgow, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland was organized Aug. 20, 1904.

Chicago, Sept. 3, 1904.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Mayon Chapter No. 1, at Manila; dispensation issued Aug. 29, 1904, 32 petitioners, Louis T. Grant, Deputy. Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Grant, W. M. Newton C. Comfort, W. P. Mrs. Annie Logie Squier, A. M.

Thus it will be seen that there has been added during the present administration 56 chapters, having a charter membership of 1,573, and eight Grand Chapters, namely: Oklahoma Territory, New Mexico, Idaho, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Scotland.

In organizing the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Territory there were a number of questions to be dealt with, an unwise decision of which would have led to unpleasant and embarrassing results. It gives me pleasure to publicly express my appreciation of the unselfish, intelligent and valuable services rendered in this behalf by our Worthy Grand Marshal, Sister M. Alice Miller; declining all personal hon-

ors, she devoted herself to maintaining the honor and dignity of the General Grand Chapter, thus setting an example of loyalty worthy of emulation. This Grand Chapter was peculiarly honored at its birth, there being present so many Stars of the first magnitude—the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and the Worthy Grand Marshal. All these distinguished officers of this body delighted and instructed the membership of the new Grand Chapter by appropriate and eloquent addresses.

There is not anything so conducive to the success of a Grand Chapter as to have present at its organization distinguished and experienced members of the General Grand Chapter, who by their counsel, advice and encouragement can inspire the members of the new body to greater devotion and to higher ideals.

In the organization of the Grand Chapter of Virginia I take great personal pride and feel that we may expect great things of this new Grand Chapter. It, too, was especially honored by having present the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary at its organization, and was favored with addresses which were instructive, inspiring and helpful in the work it had undertaken. I refer particularly to the addresses made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. We were pleased to have present on this occasion Sister Nellie M. Landergren, Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia, Sisters Alcena Lamond and Almeria S. Williamson, Past Grand Matrons of the District of Columbia, who, at the request of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, gave appropriate and useful addresses.

Just after my installation as Most Worthy Grand

Patron, I was brought face to face with conditions that seemed to me were difficult of solution. There appeared to be considerable friction among the Chapters in Scotland. I had several persons who offered to act as my deputy in Scotland who thought they could bring about peace and harmony in the Order. I was anxious to have Brother James B. Merritt, Past Grand Patron of California, to act as my deputy in Scotland. This distinguished Brother has traveled much and was contemplating a trip through England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany, and it seemed to me he could be of real service while in Scotland in advancing the interests of the Order. While I failed to have him act as my deputy in Scotland, I commissioned him as my deputy in Germany. I appointed Brother Matthew Richmond as my deputy in Scotland and Sister Sarah Healy Fash as his assistant. This Sister and Brother organized the Chapters hereinbefore stated and proved themselves zealous and devoted workers in the interest of the General Grand Chapter. There were other chapters working under the Macoy ritual and three of them organized a Grand Chapter styling it the Supreme "Grand Chapter of Scotland."

Although that body was not recognized by the officers of the General Grand Chapter a number of the Grand Chapters acting by their Grand Matrons recognized it by appointing Grand Representatives near the same; and the Grand Chapter of California, by resolution, recognized the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Some of the Grand Chapters withdrew their recognition when advised of the facts in the case. The officers of the General Grand Chapter believed that all the Grand Chapters in affiliation with the General Grand Chapter would withhold any recognition until the usual notice of recognition was sent out by the General Grand Chapter as in the case of Grand Chapters organized

in the United States. These recognitions by the several Grand Chapters tended to embarrass the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron in dealing with the question. There was considerable correspondence, which, added to those conditions, brought the matter to an acute state. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary were of opinion that the good of the Order required that the Most Worthy Grand Patron should go to Scotland and take such steps as might be necessary to harmonize and organize the forces in the interest of the Order. Circumstances prevented my going. A conference was held between the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, resulting in the decision that the Most Worthy Grand Matron should go to Scotland with plenary authority from the Most Worthy Grand Patron to deal with the conditions there existing. In this way the Most Worthy Grand Matron would be able to act as the exigency of the case might require, exercising all the authority vested in her by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and as the deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron clothed with his authority also. She went to Scotland, and a convention was called in which both sides were equally represented, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding; and the following concordat, in the form of resolution was passed:

A. That all the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland here represented, or declaring their adherence hereto, shall be and are hereby united under one jurisdiction; and the representatives of such Chapters now present or adhering, not only bind themselves to sign this resolution in token of their acceptance thereof but also bind and oblige

themselves and the Chapters which they represent to ratify and confirm the same and to support and further said procedure as may be requisite to carry this resolution into effect.

B. That the Body formed by this resolution shall be known at present as the Grand Chapter of Scotland, but shall have supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over Great Britain, Ireland and the whole British dominions (excepting only, those upon the Continent of America) and that a Supreme or General Grand Chapter of the British Empire shall be formed as soon as Chapters are instituted therein and it seems expedient to do so.

C. That the Constitution and the laws of the late existing Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland shall, with some slight alteration, be, and is hereby adopted as the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter now formed.

D. That the Ritual to be used by all the Chapters under this Constitution shall be that now issued by the General Grand Chapter of America.

E. That this Grand Chapter as now constituted shall take over all Assets and Liabilities of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland.

F. That all Grand Office bearers and Past Grand Office bearers of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland shall be and are hereby accorded Past Grand Rank and shall

be entitled to all privileges and precedence appertaining thereto.

G. That the Office bearers of the Grand Chapter as now constituted be here and now nominated, elected and installed to hold office till January, 1906.

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

LAURA B. HART. _

ADDENDUM.

H. That the General Grand Chapter of America whose ritual we have adopted will exchange with the late Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland an official number (three) of said ritual, in lieu of those the said Body have been using, the same to be furnished free of charge.

LAURA B. HART.

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

The foregoing resolutions and addendum are certified by us to be the Resolutions and agreement adopted by a Convention of all the Chapters of the Order in Scotland held in Glasgow on August 20th, 1904.

You will note that by these resolutions the Grand Chapter of Scotland is given supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over Great Britain and Ireland and the whole British Dominions, excepting those upon the Continent of America, looking to the organization of a Sister General Grand Chapter of the British Empire. It will also be noted that the Convention improperly used the word "America" after the name of the "General Grand Chapter O. E. S." The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, after careful study and consideration of all the con-

ditions surrounding the question involved, were of the opinion that this was the only possible solution of the question presented to them and believe that it will be to the best interests of the Order to have established a Sister General Grand Chapter with jurisdiction over the British Empire. So far I have been unable to accomplish anything that is worthy of mention in spreading the Order in England, and we feel confident that the distinguished Masons who were represented in the Grand Chapter of Scotland will be able to achieve great things in the near future in establishing our Order throughout the British Empire. I therefore hope that the General Grand Chapter will endorse what has been done in this behalf by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

The General Grand Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to the Most Worthy Grand Matron for her untiring efforts in behalf of the Order. Her Christian character and intelligence have made her inspiring wherever she has gone. "She hath done what she could," and that has been infinitely more than might reasonably have been expected of her. She has traveled extensively, leaving her home duties to accomplish the work incident to the proper exercise of her prerogatives as Most Worthy Grand Matron. She has been flooded with letters asking all kinds of questions which have required time and patience to fully answer. Among the many distinguished Sisters who have served this General Grand Chapter with devotion, the one now presiding in the East will be considered one of the best.

DEPUTIES.

I am indebted to Brother James B. Merritt for much valuable information communicated by letter as to the con-

ditions existing in the several countries visited by him, and the advisability of establishing chapters in the same.

I appointed Brother Sydney Clifton Bingham, of Christ Church, New Zealand, as my deputy to organize chapters in New Zealand. This Brother, accompanied by his wife, visited me in Washington and from the recommendations presented, I considered him a very desirable and proper person for the work. The degrees were conferred upon him and his wife by one of the Chapters of Illinois at the request of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Pitkin, and he was provided with all necessary papers to carry on the work in that far-off land, but he has not, as yet, made any return showing the organization of any Chapters.

I appointed as my deputy in North Carolina Brother B. W. Hatcher of Liberty, North Carolina, who is Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina. I feel quite sure that this Brother will prove to be a valuable acquisition in establishing Chapters, and finally organizing a Grand Chapter in that State, and I hope that my successor will re-commission him for the purpose of carrying on the work.

I appointed as my deputy Jos. H. Mears, Grand Patron of Vermont, to establish chapters in Quebec. This brother feels confident that Chapters can be successfully organized in Quebec, and I hope that he may be likewise re-commissioned by my successor.

In this connection I desire to make a personal acknowledgment of my appreciation of the good work done by my several deputies including all those who have acted in the organization of the many Chapters heretofore reported. The zeal of these Sisters and Brothers is commendable and the results make substantial additions to the Order. I am pleased to acknowledge the hearty support of all the officers

of the G. G. Chapter, but I desire to especially mention the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Conkling, and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Kuhn. I have received invitations to the sessions of all the Grand Chapters in affiliation with this General Grand Chapter and also from the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey and Washington, and I hereby make public acknowledgment of my appreciation of these courtesies.

WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM.

I received a communication from Brother Fred H. Hosford inviting my attention to and wishing my endorsement of that Order. I declined to recognize or in any way endorse the same. Judging by its literature, and by proceedings had in the Court at Chicago, it fell under the ban of the resolution of the General Grand Chapter passed in 1898, and for this and other reasons I declined to give any countenance whatever to the organization. I was convinced that no officer or member of the General Grand Chapter should be members of an Order making the claim that this one does.

The Eastern Star consists of five degrees and there can be no other or higher or advanced degrees. All members should maintain the land mark of the Order in this respect.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron has carefully sought to avoid any invasion of the Constitutional prerogatives of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and believes he has not in any instance done so.

I have received a number of communications from persons respecting the recognition of Spanish Masons and Spanish Lodges in Pennsylvania in connection with membership in the Eastern Star. I have advised these persons that the Most Worthy Grand Matron was the proper person

to decide on such questions and referred them to her, but stated that the policy of the Eastern Star was to recognize in the State of Pennsylvania only such Masons and such Masonic Lodges as the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania recognizes.

The remarkable increase in membership is a ground for congratulation. At our last meeting there were 225,239 members in the Order and now we have 302,696 members, an increase of 77,457. But the increase in membership, great as it is, is insignificant when compared with the tremendous amount of good accomplished by the Order in establishing or assisting in the establishment and support of homes for the widow and orphan. Our Order has the confidence and support of the Masonic Fraternity. Let us be careful to avoid anything that might shake that confidence or jeopardize that support.

I cannot close this report without thanking the Most Worthy Grand Matron for the uniform kindness and consideration shown by her to me, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for her untiring efforts to make the work of my office less laborious for me and more effective for the Order, and the members of the General Grand Chapter for elevating me to this highest office and honor within their gift. I thank you in the name of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia and of each constituent chapter thereof, who have caused me to forget the burdens of office by strewing my path with flowers and gifts.

Faternally submitted,

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Upon motion of Mrs. Margaret Lutke, the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF
THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY,
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

*To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star:*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I come to you a fifth time to render an account of the stewardship which you have so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and with a deep sense of the continued confidence expressed by the action of this Body, I submit the following statement of Receipts and Disbursements, from the 15th of July 1901 to the 15th of July, 1904, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

Accounts Receivable July 15, 1901.....	\$ 647.28
Rituals	13,716.20
Dues	2,446.36
Signets	1,729.00
Charter Fees.....	878.75
Representative Appointment Blanks.....	305.69
Charter Blanks	237.44
Report Blanks	112.90
Rules, Regulations and By-Laws.....	51.95
Dispensations	60.45
Receipts for Dues Grand.....	30.00
Petitions for Dispensations.....	30.90
Treasurer's Receipts, Grand.....	4.50
Warrants, Grand	7.50
Test Oaths.....	1.40
Dimits, Grand .....	.30
Postage from Grand Chapters.....	28.03
Express from Grand Chapters.....	169.98
Electros	1.50
Stationery and Printing.....	2.39
Contributions for Temple of Fraternity, World's Fair.....	67.05

Equitable Trust Co. on Bank Loss.....	60.48
Music (Ode Books).....	7.50
Interest Reported by R. W. Grand Treasurer.....	122.37
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	\$20,719.92

AMOUNTS DUE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

California	\$	56.30	
Florida		7.80	
Georgia50	
Illinois		212.00	
Kentucky		18.50	
New Hampshire .....		.50	
Ohio		69.00	
Oklahoma Ter.		1.00	
Pennsylvania		1.00	
Texas		1.70	
Vermont		3.71	
Virginia		22.72	
West Virginia		17.50	
Wyoming		4.50	
Golden Rule Chapter, N. C.		5.25	
Mrs. A. J. Walker		2.00	
Queen Esther Chapter, Fla.		4.50	
Ruth Chapter, W. Va.		9.00	437.48
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			\$20,282.44

MISCELLANEOUS LOSSES.

Dues Refunded	\$	4.29	
Rituals Returned, 140		81.75	
Signets Returned, 7		10.50	
Charter Blanks Returned, 3		1.00	
Rep. Apt. Blanks Returned, 12		2.00	
Old Rituals Exchanged, 62		34.25	
Duplicate and Lost Supplies		29.00	162.79
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			\$20,119.65
Cash on hand July 15, 1901			5,060.88
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			\$25,180.53
Temple Fund not reported by R. W. Grand Treasurer			67.05
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Total			\$25,113.48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and Appropriations of 1901:

Mileage	\$	360.52	
Appropriation, Mrs. Ewing		800.00	
Expenses, Mrs. Ewing		71.50	
Appropriation, Mr. Gearhart		300.00	
Expenses, Mr. Gearhart		43.42	
Appropriation, Mrs. Ercanbrack		100.00	
Miscellaneous expenses		236.35	
Hall rent	200.00	\$2,111.79	
Salary, R. W. G. Secretary, three years...		3,000.00	
*Postage.....		399.42	
*Express.....		355.76	
Stationery and Printing		327.32	
2,500 Proceedings of 1901		495.00	
Rituals		4,234.55	
Signets		793.50	
Dispensations		21.56	
Treasurer's Receipts		3.00	
Warrants		5.00	
Rules, Regulations and By-laws		26.00	
Typewriter for M. W. Grand Matron		75.00	
Music		5.00	
Insurance		15.00	
Traveling expenses, R. W. Grand Secretary (by authority of M. W. Grand Matron).....		180.25	
Postage and expense, M. W. Grand Matron.....		1,462.77	
Expense of M. W. Grand Patron.....		19.10	
OFFICE EXPENSES:			
Rent	\$	540.00	
Stenographer		931.00	
Telephone		180.00	
Bonds, R. W. G. Secretary		45.00	
" R. W. G. Treasurer		45.00	
Miscellaneous	286.05	2,027.05	
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		\$15,557.07	
Temple of Fraternity		67.05	
Cash on hand, July 15, 1904.....		9,556.41	
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		\$25,180.53	
Temple Fund not reported by R. W. Grand Treasurer		67.05	
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Total		\$25,113.48	

*Postage and Express should be credited by \$198.01, returned by Grand Chapters.
See Receipts, page 65.

STOCK ON HAND.

166 Rituals, gilt	\$ 41.50
5678 Rituals, cloth	709.75
1496 Signets, mounted	523.60
200 Signets, unmounted	22.00
1037 Charter blanks	82.96
608 Representative Appointment Blanks	21.28
1080 Petitions for Dispensation	5.40
1937 Dispensations	20.50
594 Report Blanks	8.91
20 Receipts for Dues	2.50
2 Treasurer's Receipts .....	.67
598 Funeral Ceremonies	6.64
742 Rules and Regulations	11.13
526 By-laws	13.68
440 Dimits	2.20
Office Furniture	342.30
Electrotypes	488.27
36 Badges	7.20
	<u>\$ 2,310.49</u>

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand	\$ 2,310.49
Due from Grand Chapters and others	437.48
Cash on hand	9,556.41 <u>\$12,304.38</u>

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTED MATTER.

First and Third Sessions Proceedings	\$ 72.20
Second Session Proceedings	55.91
Fourth Session Proceedings	108.30
Fifth Session Proceedings	115.52
Sixth Session Proceedings	111.01
Seventh Session Proceedings	262.49
Eighth Session Proceedings	335.34
Ninth Session Proceedings	241.25
Tenth Session Proceedings	330.00
Miscellaneous consumable matter	100.00
Proceedings, bound	28.00 <u>\$1,760.02</u>

Of the Accounts Receivable on the 15th of July, 1904, the Grand Chapters of Illinois, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Ohio and Texas have since paid their indebtedness. Also Queen Esther Chapter of Florida.

Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter Sessions held in Detroit, Michigan, in September 1901, were printed and distributed as directed.

All moneys have been promptly forwarded to the R. W. Grand Treasurer. The "Contingent Expense Account" which was reported at the last session has been continued with the approval of the M. W. Grand Matron, and has been distributed as follows:

Expense of Tenth Session, General Grand Chapter, paid by check	\$ 135.75
Postage and Express.....	755.18
Stationery and Printing.....	95.97
Bills of M. W. Grand Matron, paid by check and cash....	53.15
Bill of Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron, paid by check.	12.00
Traveling Expenses of the R. W. Grand Secretary.....	180.25
Miscellaneous Office Expenses, as per vouchers.....	286.05
Total	<u>\$1,518.35</u>

The above amount is included under head of Disbursements, page 67.

The same manner of paying small bills has also been continued during this term.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Louisville, Kentucky, surrendered its charter March 23, 1902, and on the same date petitioned for reorganization under the old number, which was done April 17, 1902.

Aberdeen Chapter No. 2, Aberdeen, Scotland, returned its charter May 5, 1902.

NEW CHARTERS ISSUED.

January 8, 1902, to White Mountain Chapter No. 8, Globe, Arizona, at the request of the Chapter and the Grand Secretary omitting the names of those inscribed upon the first charter who had never presented themselves for initiation.

April 10, 1902, to Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu, Hawaii, at the request of the Chapter, likewise omitting such names, as above.

April 29, 1903, to Crystal Springs Chapter No. 9, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, owing to change of name of the Worthy Patron.

The following dimits have been issued under the direction of the M. W. Grand Matron:

Mrs. Mary Francis Castello, member of Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka, Florida.

Mrs. T. J. Jewett, John Mason and Mrs. Eleanor W. Mason, members of Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Mrs. Harriette Van Schack and C. E. Brown, members of Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, Rocky Bar, Idaho.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, WITH NUMBER OF
CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP AND AMOUNT OF DUES PAID.
THE DELINQUENT CHAPTERS ALSO APPEAR IN THIS
LIST.

FLORIDA.

Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka—

Charter granted October 23, 1893.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.

61 members, 1896.

Tropical Chapter No. 3, Bartow—			
Charter granted December 18, 1894.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
51 charter members.			
Iverness Chapter No. 4, Iverness—			
Charter granted April 12, 1895.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1895.			
50 members, 1895.			
Live Oak Chapter No. 5, Daytona—			
Charter granted Dec. 31, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1901	\$	8.25	
Dues paid, 1902		8.50	
Dues paid, 1903		9.25	
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	4.38—\$		30.88
42 members, 1904.			
Seminole Chapter No. 6, Sanford—			
Charter granted July 12, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1901		6.75	
Dues paid, 1902		6.10	
Dues paid, 1903		5.25	
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	2.75—		20.85
23 members, 1904.			
Dolores Chapter No. 7, New Smyrna—			
Charter granted May 4, 1898.			
Dues paid, 1901		5.25	
Dues paid, 1902		5.75	
Dues paid, 1903		7.00	
Dues paid, 1904 (five months) ...	3.00—		21.00
28 members, 1904.			
Queen Esther Chapter No. 8, Clearwater—			
Charter granted June 12, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1901		7.88	
Dues paid, 1902		8.37	
Dues paid, 1903	9.25—		25.50
37 members, 1903.			
Eureka Chapter No. 9, St. Petersburg—			
Charter granted December 27, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1901		10.00	
Dues paid, 1902		8.75	
Dues paid, 1903		9.25	
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	4.88—		32.88
39 members, 1904.			

De Soto Chapter No. 10, Punta Gorda—			
Charter granted April 27, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1901	10.00		
Dues paid, 1902,	10.75		
Dues paid, 1903	10.00		
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	4.50—	35.25	
36 members, 1904.			
Friendship Chapter No. 11, Titusville—			
Charter granted May 16, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901	4.80		
Dues paid, 1902	8.00		
Dues paid, 1903	8.00		
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	3.66—	24.46	
35 members, 1904.			
Ruth Chapter No. 12, Fort Pierce—			
Charter granted July 23, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (six months)	3.38		
Dues paid, 1903	9.00		
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	3.75—	16.13	
36 members, 1904.			
Grace Chapter No. 13, Wellborn—			
Charter granted Sept. 17, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (six months)	3.38		
Dues paid, 1903	7.25—	10.63	
29 members, 1904.			
Florida Chapter No. 14, Pensacola—			
Charter granted July 2, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903 (seven months)	6.72		
Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	6.67—	13.39	
64 members, 1904.			
Bushnell Chapter No. 15, Bushnell—			
Charter granted March 10, 1904.			
Dues paid, 1904 (four months)	3.00—	3.00	
36 members, 1904.			
Evergreen Chapter No. 16, Tampa—			
Charter granted June 2, 1904.			
22 charter members.			
Keystone Chapter No. 17, St. Augustine—			
Charter granted June 4, 1904.			
41 charter members.			

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City—			
Charter granted March 18, 1886.			
Dues paid, 1901	14.00		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.69—	17.69	
59 members, 1902.			
Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello—			
Charter granted August 16, 1888.			
Dues paid, 1901	13.50		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	4.05—	17.55	
65 members, 1902.			
Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion—			
Charter granted April 25, 1890.			
Dues paid, 1901	13.25		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.40—	16.65	
54 members, 1902.			
Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City—			
Charter granted December 29, 1891.			
Dues paid, 1901	8.00		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.07—	10.07	
33 members, 1902.			
Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston—			
Charter granted June 6, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1901	17.00		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	4.25—	21.25	
68 members, 1902.			
Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City—			
Charter granted March 23, 1893.			
Dues paid, 1901	15.25		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.90—	19.15	
51 members, 1902.			
Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow—			
Charter granted February 22, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1901	21.25		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	5.25—	26.50	
84 members, 1902.			

Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace—		
Charter granted February 22, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1901	16.25	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	4.00—	20.25
64 members, 1902.		
Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11, Grangeville—		
Charter granted Dec. 30, 1895.		
Dues paid, 1901	10.25	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.63—	12.88
42 members, 1902.		
Laurel Chapter No. 13, Lewiston—		
Charter granted April 9, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1901	21.25	
Dues paid 1902 (three months)	5.44—	26.69
87 members, 1902.		
Esther Chapter No. 14, Blackfoot—		
Charter granted March 28, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1901	11.75	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.06—	14.81
49 members, 1902.		
Golden Star Chapter No. 15, Bellevue—		
Charter granted January 30, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1901	10.25	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.56—	12.81
41 members, 1902.		
Miriam Chapter No. 16, Mountain Home—		
Charter granted April 13, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1901	5.50	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	1.57—	7.07
25 members, 1902.		
Queen Isabelle Chapter No. 17, Montpelier—		
Charter granted June 29, 1899.		
Dues paid, 1901	6.25—	6.25
25 members, 1901.		
Syringa Chapter No. 18, Harrison—		
Charter granted March 19, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1901	9.50	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.39—	11.89
38 members, 1902.		

Loyante Chapter No. 19, Weiser—			
Charter granted February 28, 1901.			
	Dues paid, 1901 (ten months)	11.87	
	Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.68—	15.55
59 members, 1902.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 20, Payette—			
Charter granted February 26, 1901.			
34 charter members.			
Henrietta Chapter No. 21, Idaho Falls—			
Charter granted April 16, 1902.			
33 charter members.			

KENTUCKY.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Louisville—			
Reorganized; charter granted May 29, 1902.			
	Dues paid, 1902 (nine months)	24.25	
	Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	11.05—	35.30
106 members, 1903.			
Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven—			
Charter granted June 14, 1889.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.			
29 members, 1898.			
Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton—			
Charter granted May 30, 1893.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
25 charter members.			
Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green—			
Charter granted June 17, 1893.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.			
20 members, 1896.			
Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel—			
Charter granted July 28, 1893.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
40 charter members.			
Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion—			
Charter granted August 3, 1894.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
27 charter members.			

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mt. Vernon—

Charter granted October 22, 1894.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

40 charter members.

Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton—

Charter granted November 16, 1894.

Dues paid, 1901 11.75

Dues paid, 1902 9.25

Dues paid, 1903 (five months) 4.28— 25.28

41 members, 1903.

Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup—

Charter granted January 17, 1895.

Dues paid, 1901 6.50

Dues paid, 1902 8.25

Dues paid, 1903 (five months) 3.45— 18.20

33 members, 1903.

Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg—

Charter granted June 12, 1895.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1899.

18 members, 1899.

Lorraine Chapter No. 12, Owenton—

Charter granted October 8, 1893.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

30 charter members.

Bardwell Chapter No. 13, Bardwell—

Charter granted February 11, 1896.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

31 charter members.

Silver Star Chapter No. 14, Morehead—

Charter granted July 9, 1896.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.

44 members, 1896.

Bristow Chapter No. 15, Erlanger—

Charter granted July 23, 1896.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.

29 members, 1897.

Vine Grove Chapter No. 16, Vine Grove.			
Charter granted February 4, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.			
27 members, 1897.			
Princeton Chapter No. 17, Princeton—			
Charter granted March 19, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1901	9.25—	9.25	
35 members, 1901.			
Martha Pitman Chapter No. 18, Pittsburg—			
Charter granted June 24, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
40 charter members.			
Ruth Chapter No. 19, Gravel Switch—			
Charter granted September 23, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1901	10.75		
Dues paid, 1902	8.50		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	3.60—	22.85	
35 members, 1903.			
Webb Chapter No. 20, Newcastle—			
Charter granted February 9, 1898.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
32 charter members.			
Esther Chapter No. 21, Paducah—			
Charter granted March 22, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1901	18.00		
Dues paid, 1902	18.75		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	8.23—	44.98	
79 members, 1903.			
Stanton Chapter No. 22, Stanton—			
Charter granted January 4, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1901	13.00		
Dues paid, 1902	12.75		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	5.00—	30.75	
50 members, 1903.			
Lora Bryant Chapter No. 23, Onton—			
Charter granted September 5, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1901	9.25		
Dues paid, 1902	10.50		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	3.65—	23.40	
35 members, 1903.			

Glenville Chapter No. 24, Glenville—			
Charter granted April 22, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901			
Dues paid, 1902,			
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	16.50—		16.50
36 members, 1903.			
Ermine Ford Chapter No. 25, Poole—			
Charter granted July 20, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901 (four months)	4.00		
Dues paid, 1902	12.00		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	5.00—		21.00
48 members, 1903.			
Grayson Chapter No. 26, Grayson—			
Charter granted July 20, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901	3.25		
Dues paid, 1902	7.50		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	3.44—		14.19
33 members, 1903.			
Somerset Chapter No. 27, Somerset—			
Charter granted April 17, 1902.			
No dues ever paid.			
20 charter members.			
Electra Chapter No. 28, Louisville—			
Charter granted May 16, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (nine months)	10.75		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	4.70—		15.45
45 members, 1903.			
Clarkson Chapter No. 29, Clarkson—			
Charter granted June 2, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (eight months)	4.46		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	3.44—		7.90
33 members, 1903.			
Violet Chapter No. 30, Leather's Store—			
Charter granted May 23, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (eight months)	5.50		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	3.44—		8.94
33 members, 1903.			
Naomi Chapter No. 31, Louisville—			
Charter granted June 4, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (eight months)	10.85		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	8.35—		19.20
80 members, 1903.			

Shawhan Chapter No. 32, Shawhan—			
Charter granted December 9, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (four months)	2.37		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	2.80—	5.17	
27 members, 1903.			
Bright Star Chapter No. 33, Louisville—			
Charter granted July 24, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (seven months)	5.85		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	5.45—	11.30	
52 members, 1903.			
Ruth-Electa Chapter No. 34, Franklin—			
Dues paid, 1902 (five months)	5.84		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	6.05—	11.89	
58 members, 1903.			
Fountain Run Chapter No. 35, Fountain Run—			
Charter Granted November 19, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.13		
Dues paid, 1903 (five months)	4.50—	7.63	
48 members, 1903.			
Gertrude Chapter No. 36, Newport—			
Charter granted June 2, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903 (three months)	2.62—	2.62	
42 members, 1903.			
Bryant Chapter No. 37, Corbin—			
Charter granted June 10, 1903.			
43 charter members.			
Ewing Star Chapter No. 38, Ewing—			
Charter granted June 8, 1903.			
25 charter members.			
Vashti Chapter No. 39, Ludlow—			
Charter granted June 3, 1903.			
24 charter members.			

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven—			
Charter granted April 30, 1895.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
30 charter members.			

Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport—		
Charter granted February 2, 1897.		
Dues paid, 1903.....	9.50—	9.50
38 members, 1903.		
Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson—		
Charter Granted May 17, 1897.		
Dormant. No dues ever paid.		
24 charter members.		
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, McComb City—		
Charter granted March 28, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1902	8.50	
Dues paid, 1903	6.00—	14.50
24 members, 1903.		
W. F. Cole Chapter No. 5, Water Valley—		
Charter granted June 2, 1898.		
Dues paid, 1901	19.50	
Dues paid, 1902	19.50	
Dues paid, 1903	19.25—	58.25
77 members, 1903.		
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Okolona—		
Charter granted February 16, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1901	14.50	
Dues paid, 1902	16.00	
Dues paid, 1903	16.00—	46.50
64 members, 1903.		
Rebecca Chapter No. 7, Oxford—		
Charter granted March 25, 1901.		
Dues paid, 1901	6.20—	6.20
34 members, 1901.		
Durant Chapter No. 8, Durant—		
Charter granted September 10, 1902.		
No dues ever paid.		
16 charter members.		
Crystal Springs Chapter No. 9, Crystal Springs—		
Charter granted February 19, 1903.		
Dues paid, 1903	7.50—	7.50
30 members, 1903.		
Magdalene Chapter No. 10, Nettleton—		
Charter granted March 16, 1903.		
Dues paid, 1903 (eleven months)	3.75—	3.75
18 members, 1903.		

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin—

Charter granted August 2, 1882.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	3.02	
Dues paid, 1902	9.25	
Dues paid, 1903	9.75—	22.02

39 members, 1903.

Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson City—

Charter granted February 1, 1886.

Dues paid, 1901	23.50	
Dues paid, 1902 (five months)	9.68	
Dues paid, 1903	24.25—	57.43

97 members, 1903.

Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno—

Charter granted March 31, 1886.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	15.10	
Dues paid, 1902	42.25	
Dues paid, 1903	45.00—	102.35

180 members, 1903.

Martha Chapter No. 5, Wadsworth—

Charter granted by G. C. of California.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	5.00	
Dues paid, 1902	18.75	
Dues paid, 1903	21.50—	45.25

86 members, 1903.

Silver State Chapter No. 6, Winnemucca—

Charter Granted by G. C. of California.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	7.60	
Dues paid, 1902	21.00	
Dues paid, 1903	21.75—	50.35

87 members, 1903.

Argenta Chapter No. 7, Virginia City.

Charter Granted by G. C. of California.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	13.05	
Dues paid, 1902	34.00	
Dues paid, 1903	33.25—	80.30

133 members, 1903.

Iphigenia Chapter No. 8, Eureka—

Charter granted by G. C. of California.

Dues paid, 1901 (five months)	5.00	
Dues paid, 1902	11.75	
Dues paid, 1903	11.25—	28.00

45 members, 1903.

Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar—

Charter granted May 10, 1900.

Dues paid, 1901	9.75	
Dues paid, 1902	8.00	
Dues paid, 1903	7.50—	25.25

30 members, 1903.

Turquoise Chapter No. 10, Tonopah—

Charter granted October 28, 1902.

Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	1.82	
Dues paid, 1903	10.00—	11.83

40 members, 1903.

Ruth Chapter No. 11, Lovelock—

Charter granted May 20, 1904.

29 charter members.

NEW MEXICO.**Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton—**

Charter granted November 5, 1888.

Dues paid, 1901	17.75	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	5.15—	22.90

82 members, 1902.

Ransford Chapter No. 2, E. Las Vegas—

Charter granted July 29, 1891.

Dues paid, 1901	18.75	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	4.75—	23.50

76 members, 1902.

Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City—

Charter granted February 10, 1893.

Dues paid, 1901	21.50	
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	4.50—	26.00

72 members, 1902.

Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown—			
Charter granted March 10, 1893.			
Dues paid, 1899			
Dues paid, 1900			
Dues paid, 1901			
Dues paid, 1902	8.00—		8.00
8 members, 1902.			
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque—			
Charter granted September 22, 1894.			
Dues paid, 1901	12.00		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	3.06—		15.06
49 members, 1902.			
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Deming—			
Charter granted December 11, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1901	8.25		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.75—		11.00
36 members, 1902.			
Rio Arriba Chapter No. 7, Chama—			
Charter granted May 16, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901 (seven months)	4.27		
Dues paid, 1902 (three months)	2.36—		6.63
32 members, 1902.			
Clayton Chapter No. 8, Clayton—			
Charter granted March 26, 1902.			
21 charter members.			
Magdalen Chapter No. 9, Sorocco—			
Charter granted March 19, 1902.			
18 charter members.			
Roswell Chapter, No. 10, Roswell—			
Charter granted April 10, 1902.			
37 charter members.			

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove—			
Charter granted July 30, 1890.			
No dues ever paid.			
27 charter members.			

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 2, Ore Hill—

Charter granted April 29, 1903.

Dues paid, 1903 (ten months)	9.15—	9.15
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27 charter members.

Potecasi Chapter No. 3, Potecasi—

Charter granted March 23, 1903.

26 charter members.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 4, Pittsboro—

Charter granted July 7, 1903.

28 charter members.

St. Mary's Chapter No. 5, Winton—

Charter granted June 5, 1903.

12 charter members.

Signet Chapter No. 6, La Grange—

Charter granted June 2, 1903.

Dues paid, 1903 (eight months)	4.75—	4.75
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23 charter members.

Tallcott Chapter No. 7, Washington—

Charter granted May 31, 1904.

32 charter members.

OKLAHOMA.

Watonga Chapter No. —, Watonga—

Charter granted January 16, 1902.

33 charter members.

Billings Chapter No. —, Billings—

Charter granted January 16, 1902.

25 charter members.

Mizpah Chapter No. —, Cheyenne—

Charter granted January 16, 1902.

16 charter members.

Lawton Chapter No. —, Lawton—

Charter granted February 3, 1902.

34 charter members.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vance Chapter No. 2, Vance—			
Charter granted October 8, 1895.			
Dues paid, 1901	4.00		
Dues paid, 1902	4.50—	8.50	
18 members, 1902.			
Lily of the Calley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg—			
Charter granted July 6, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues ever paid.			
20 charter members.			
Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood—			
Charter granted April 26, 1897.			
Dues paid, 1901	14.50		
Dues paid, 1902	15.00		
Dues paid, 1903	17.00—	46.50	
68 members, 1903.			
Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree—			
Charter granted October 22, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.			
18 members, 1898.			
Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville—			
Charter granted August 7, 1899.			
No dues paid since 1900.			
47 members, 1900.			
Esther Chapter No. 7, Columbia—			
Charter granted August 16, 1900.			
No dues ever paid.			
44 charter members.			
Electric City Chapter No. 8, Anderson—			
Charter granted September 11, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1900 (three months)	6.00		
Dues paid, 1901	14.00—	20.00	
56 members, 1901.			
Ruth Chapter No. 9, Newberry—			
Charter granted November 19, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (two months)	1.58—	1.58	
38 members, 1902.			

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City—

Charter granted June 6, 1892.

Dues paid, 1901	32.75	
Dues paid, 1902	36.25	
Dues paid, 1903	39.25—	108.25

157 members, 1903.

Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City—

Charter granted April 21, 1894.

Dues paid, 1901	15.00	
Dues paid, 1902	14.50	
Dues paid, 1903	17.00—	46.50

68 members, 1903.

Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City—

Charter granted May 17, 1897.

Dues paid, 1901	9.00	
Dues paid, 1902	9.25	
Dues paid, 1903	11.00—	29.25

44 members, 1903.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Ogden—

Charter granted December 25, 1899.

Dues paid, 1901	20.50	
Dues paid, 1902	24.25	
Dues paid, 1903	28.25—	73.00

113 members, 1903.

VIRGINIA.

Adah Chapter No. 1, Woodstock—

Charter granted March 30, 1896.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1899.

19 members, 1899.

Alpha Chapter No. 2, Petersburg—

Charter granted March 30, 1896.

Dues paid, 1901	6.25	
Dues paid, 1902	5.25	
Dues paid, 1903	4.75	
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	2.38—	18.63

19 members, 1904.

Milnes Chapter No. 3, Shenandoah—			
Charter granted August 14, 1896.			
Dues paid, 1901	6.25		
Dues paid, 1902	6.75		
Dues paid, 1903	6.75		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	3.38—	23.13.	
27 members, 1904.			
Botetourt Chapter No. 4, Gloucester—			
Charter granted November, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1896.			
31 members, 1896.			
Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray—			
Charter granted February 10, 1897. (
Dues paid, 1903	10.50—	10.50	
42 members, 1903.			
Blackwater Chapter No. 6, Zuni—			
Charter granted July 22, 1897.			
No dues paid since 1900.			
22 members, 1900.			
Magdalene Chapter No. 7, Stanley—			
Charter granted November 13, 1897.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1897.			
17 members, 1897.			
Ruth Chapter No. 8, Richmond.			
Charter granted June 22, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1901	19.00		
Dues paid, 1902	22.00		
Dues paid, 1903	24.50		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	11.63—	77.13	
93 members, 1904.			
Tidal Wave Chapter No. 9, Port Norfolk—			
Charter granted August 22, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (seven months)	5.98		
Dues paid, 1903	12.00		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	6.25—	24.23	
50 members, 1904.			
Urbanna Chapter No. 10, Urbanna—			
Charter granted February 11, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903	11.50		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	5.87—	17.37	
48 members, 1904.			

Blair Chapter No. 11, Williamsburg—			
Charter granted March 12, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903 (eleven months)	11.25		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	5.88—	17.13	
47 members, 1904.			
Liberty Chapter No. 12, Bedford City—			
Charter granted January 25, 1904.			
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	4.50—	4.50	
36 members, 1904.			
Chesapeake Chapter No. 13, New Market—			
Charter granted January 13, 1904.			
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	3.38—	3.38	
27 members, 1904.			
Pocahontas Chapter No. 14—			
Charter granted June 14, 1904.			
28 charter members.			

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling—			
Charter granted April 20, 1892.			
Dues paid, 1900	9.00		
Dues paid, 1901	5.50		
Dues paid, 1902	9.50		
Dues paid, 1903	32.50		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	23.38—	79.88	
187 members, 1904.			
Alpha Chapter No. 2, Ceredo—			
Charter granted February 25, 1896.			
Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.			
35 members, 1898.			
Athens Chapter No. 3, Athens—			
Charter granted November 14, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1903	6.75—	6.75	
27 members, 1903.			
Esther Chapter No. 4, Welch—			
Charter granted February 16, 1901.			
29 charter members.			

Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, Hinton—			
Charter granted March 7, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901 (ten months)	6.51		
Dues paid, 1902	7.25		
Dues paid, 1903	6.75—	20.51	
27 members, 1903.			
Augusta Chapter No. 6, Mannington—			
Charter granted July 5, 1901.			
Dues paid, 1901 (three months)	1.88		
Dues paid, 1902	12.50		
Dues paid, 1903	13.75		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	6.75—	34.88	
54 members, 1904.			
Ruth Chapter No. 7, Middlebourne—			
Charter granted May 13, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1902 (eight months)	6.33		
Dues paid, 1903	9.50—	15.83	
38 members, 1903.			
Huntington Chapter No. 8, Huntington—			
Charter Granted December 30, 1902.			
Dues paid, 1903	15.25—	15.25	
61 members, 1903.			
Lorraine Chapter No. 9, Cameron—			
Charter granted June 24, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903 (seven months)	6.30		
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	6.15—	12.45	
48 members, 1904.			
Alkire Chapter No. 10, Keyser—			
Charter granted January 22, 1904.			
Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	6.50—	6.50	
52 members, 1904.			

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland—			
Charter granted May 3, 1899.			
Dues paid, 1901	22.75		
Dues paid, 1902	20.00		
Dues paid, 1903	15.25—	58.00	
61 members, 1903.			

HAWAII ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Hilo—

Charter granted March 15, 1899.

Dues paid, 1901	13.50	
Dues paid, 1902	12.50	
Dues paid, 1903	13.50—	39.50

54 members, 1903.

Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu—

Charter granted February 28, 1901.

Dues paid, 1901 (nine months)	12.60	
Dues paid, 1902	20.25	
Dues paid, 1903	20.75—	53.60

83 members, 1903.

INDIA.

The Pioneer Chapter No. 1, Benares—

Charter granted October 30, 1899.

No dues ever paid.

8 charter members.

The New Century Chapter No. 2, Calcutta—

Charter granted Feb. 26, 1902.

20 charter members.

SCOTLAND.

Dundee Chapter No. 1, Dundee—

Charter granted May 28, 1901.

Dues paid, 1901 (eight months)	11.33	
Dues paid, 1902	9.87—	21.20

40 members, 1902.

Fidelity Chapter No. 2, Glasgow—

Charter granted February 27, 1903.

Dues paid, 1903 (eleven months)	6.19—	6.19
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27 members, 1903.

Alexandra Chapter No. 3, Glasgow—

Charter granted March 10, 1904.

16 charter members.

Pollok Chapter No. 4, Pollokshaws—
 Charter granted August 15, 1904.
 24 charter members.

	<u>\$2,438.41</u>
Miscellaneous Dues, for Dimits issued.....	6.75
Amount of dues overpaid.....	1.20
Total	<u>\$2,446.36</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters July 15, 1901.....	95
Organized since July 15, 1901.....	59
Released in Nevada by California.....	7—161

Chapters released by the organization of the following

Grand Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, February 14, 1902.....	4
“ “ New Mexico, April 11, 1902.....	10
“ “ Idaho, April 17, 1902.....	18
“ “ Kentucky, June 10, 1903.....	37
“ “ Florida, June 7, 1904.....	16
“ “ Virginia, June 22, 1904.....	14
“ “ West Virginia, June 28, 1904.....	10
“ “ Scotland, August 20, 1904.....	5
Surrendered charter	1—115

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Less released to Grand Chapter of Scotland.....	1

Total number of Chapters remaining.....	<u>45</u>
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Membership released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:

Oklahoma	108
New Mexico	431
Idaho	922
Kentucky	1,410
Florida	609
Virginia	522
West Virginia	558
Scotland	126
Dimitted	5

Total membership released.....	<u>4,691</u>
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The above includes the two Chapters organized since July 15, 1904, and the organization of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, August 20, 1904, and these will be reported by the M. W. Grand Patron.

45 Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Total membership.....	2,283
3,987 Chapters in 42 Grand Chapters, which are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.....	274,583
383 Chapters in New York, New Jersey and Washington.....	28,114
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4,415 Chapters, with total membership of.....	304,979

RITUALS.

Rituals on hand, July 15, 1901, cloth.....	1,119
“ on hand, July 15, 1901, gilt.....	75
“ purchased since above date, gilt.....	402
“ purchased since above date, cloth.....	31,224
“ returned	140
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Total to be accounted for.....	32,960
Rituals sold	26,916
“ on hand, cloth.....	5,678
“ on hand, gilt.....	166
“ on hand, old, exchanged.....	62
Duplicate orders and miscellaneous loss.....	138
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Total accounted for.....	32,960

PAYMENT OF MILEAGE.

The General Grand Chapter at its last session ordered “that officers who had been regularly installed and members of standing Committees, and members of Committees appointed at the previous session and holding over, who are attending this session of the General Grand Chapter be allowed mileage at the rate of two cents per mile one way; that no person shall receive mileage in more than one capacity; that no mileage allowance in excess of fifty (50) dollars be paid to one person, except as now constitutionally provided,

and that no person shall receive mileage whose Grand Chapter has provided an appropriation to reimburse a portion or all of said member's expense to this session."

Through the kindness of Mr. George F. Lee, Chicago Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, a list of miles was made by the rate-clerk, who is detailed for this particular work, and from *this list* the mileage was paid by check and warrant.

Mrs. Margaret Howard of Honolulu, Hawaii, was sent a warrant for \$50, which she returned, and a warrant for \$16 was drawn, being amount payable to her from the city in the United States where she was visiting.

Mrs. Harriette I. Burwell, Grand Matron of Connecticut, returned her warrant, stating that her Grand Chapter had paid her expenses to attend the General Grand Chapter.

Mr. L. Cabell Williamson, R. W. A. Grand Patron, and Mrs. Ida E. Joslin, Grand Matron of Michigan, have never presented their warrants for payment, and these amounts remain in the Treasury.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED

- Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, at Guthrie, Feb. 14, 1902.
- Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Albuquerque, April 11, 1902.
- Grand Chapter of Idaho, at Boise, April 17, 1902.
- Grand Chapter of Kentucky, at Louisville, June 10, 1903.
- Grand Chapter of Florida, at Sanford, June 7, 1904.
- Grand Chapter of Virginia, at Richmond, June 22, 1904.
- Grand Chapter of West Virginia, at Wheeling, June 28, 1904.
- Grand Chapter of Scotland, at Glasgow, August 20, 1904.

Calls were made and official notices were issued for the organization of the above Grand Chapters, under the authority of Mr. L. Cabell Williamson, M. W. Grand Patron, and they will be reported by him.

NEW TERRITORY.

I am gratified to report that the Order has been extended into the Philippine Islands, a petition for charter having been

received from Manila. I had also hoped to receive a petition for charter from Nome, Alaska, but the short summer season there has postponed that happy result.

Considerable interest has been manifested throughout Canada, and also from many interested persons in different parts of unoccupied territory.

SECRET WORK.

Several of the Grand Chapters use the Secret Work in cipher, while others prefer it printed in full, and we have furnished it to Grand Chapters as they order it.

PETITIONS FOR CHARTER.

There have been fifty-nine petitions for charter received at this office since July 15, 1901, and the dispensations have been issued under the authority of Mr. L. Cabell Williamson, M. W. Grand Patron, in whose report they will appear in full.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The Committee provided for to decide upon the time and place of meeting, after receiving many requests from Grand Chapters and others, reported Sept. 19, 1904, and St. Louis, Missouri, as the time and place and due notice was given the Order at large.

A communication was received from Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Grand Secretary of Washington, with copy of resolution adopted by that Grand Chapter in June 1902, declaring the Grand Chapter of Washington "an independent Grand Chapter, and not a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter." The communication has been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, through the M. W. Grand Matron.

The Memorial Committee appointed at the last session of the General Grand Chapter prepared a Memorial upon the death of Thomas R. Ercanbrack and forwarded the same to Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, our beloved R. W. Grand Treasurer. This expression of sympathy was greatly appreciated by our sister, whose acknowledgment was most tender and grateful.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory at its annual session held at Durant, Aug. 15-16, 1901, released from its jurisdiction the constituent chapters located in Oklahoma Territory, as the latter territory desired to be organized into a separate jurisdiction. The General Grand Chapter then assumed jurisdiction and granted four charters, thus meeting the emergency that arose. Later a convention was called by the M. W. Grand Patron, the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma was organized, and became a part of this body.

NEVADA.

Very soon after the close of the last session, official notice was sent the Grand Chapter of California that it was deemed inexpedient by the General Grand Chapter for the Grand Chapter of California to hold jurisdiction over the territory of Nevada, and that it was recommended that the M. W. Grand Patron call a convention in Nevada to organize a Grand Chapter there as soon as possible.

We also notified the Chapters in Nevada of this action and instructed them to pay all dues accruing from August 1, 1901, to the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary. They complied cheerfully and promptly. The Chapters there felt that it would be a hardship to be obliged to organize a Grand Chap-

ter, and preferred to remain under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Two good strong Chapters have been organized there during this term, and the Chapters are beginning to believe that the Order will thrive best by the organization of a Grand Chapter in Nevada, and we think they will ask for a Convention to be called for this purpose in the near future.

REVENUE.

Eight jurisdictions have been released during this term, which means that all charter fees and dues will in the future go into the treasury of the respective Grand Chapters organized.

It has been my custom to reinstate dormant chapters upon the payment of one year's dues in jurisdictions where conventions have been called to organize Grand Chapters, thus giving weak Chapters an opportunity to become a part of their own Grand Chapters.

I would recommend that the dues of the following named Chapters be remitted:

Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport, Miss., for 1901 and 1902.

Dundee Chapter No. 1, Dundee, Scotland, for 1903.

RITUALS.

The instructions of the General Grand Chapter (Proceedings of 1901, page 176) relating to the publishing of the Ritual were strictly followed out in every particular. Slips containing the amendments were printed and distributed. Plates were changed and the Ritual published as directed. The 1,119 cloth Rituals reported on hand July 15, 1901, were all sold by December 1, 1901, and the amended Ritual was ready for distribution.

Grand Secretaries who had Rituals on hand asked that I exchange them free for the amended Ritual. I had not received such instructions, but as there seemed to be some justice in the request, I submitted a plan to the M. W. Grand Matron and received her full approval to sell to Grand Secretaries as many Rituals as they had on hand and unsold, for 15 cents each, they to return to me the covers. In every case this proposition was accepted by the several Grand Secretaries, and an emergency met which was not provided for by the General Grand Chapter.

SCOTLAND.

October 18, 1898, I received a letter from Charles S. Bixby of Ossawatimie, Kansas, asking me to correspond with Mr. Alexander Farmer, who was Worthy Patron of Dundee Chapter No. 5 of Dundee, Scotland. I reported in 1901 that we had granted two charters in Scotland, but one of these was never organized and the charter was returned to us. During all these years we have corresponded with the sisters and brothers in that distant country, in a conservative spirit, always hoping for a union of all the interests there, and now our M. W. Grand Matron will report the full fruition of our fondest hopes.

I wish to thank this Brother in Kansas for the help he has been to me. His Scotch friends sent him a paper dated Glasgow, August 22, 1904, which reached me before the official report of the M. W. Grand Matron, giving an account of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and manifested his continued interest in the Order of the Eastern Star in his native land.

WORLD'S FAIR.

In December, 1902, I received an appointment as a member of the Auxiliary Board of Lady Managers, through the

Board of Directors of the World's Fair Fraternal Building Association. This Board was asked to raise \$50,000 through the several Beneficiary and Fraternal Associations of women. From my experience at the "Dream White City" in 1893, I knew just what an undertaking this was, and I could not persuade myself to accept. Many reasons presented themselves to my mind why I should not do so. The sisters and brothers in Missouri urged me to bring to their aid the benefit of my experience, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron presented the argument that it was my duty; therefore, having in view but the one end,—that of serving the Order of the Eastern Star to the best of my ability,—I finally accepted the appointment and met with the Board the first time, February 5, 1902, and at this meeting I recommended Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary, O. E. S. of Missouri as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which was approved. I sent out at once a circular to over 4,000 Chapters announcing my acceptance and these appointments. Later one member from each State was appointed through the Grand Matron to serve with her for the purpose of soliciting contributions for the Temple of Fraternity, and I again sent out a circular announcing to the Chapters of the World these appointments.

I paid the postage for this myself, and only about ten days ago I received a reimbursement for this expense from the Board of Directors.

These contributions were held by the Committee, or by the Grand Treasurer, as the respective Grand Matrons should decide. Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, our R. W. Grand Treasurer, consented to hold the funds, and Mrs. Dillon notified the several Committees to send the contributions direct to her, which was done, as you will see by the report which she submits.

When the Board of Directors was ready to make the

first call for money, Mrs. Dillon notified the R. W. Grand Treasurer to send to the Treasurer of the World's Fair, Mr. William H. Thompson, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, and since that time Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars more have been paid, making our total contribution towards the building and its maintenance, Thirty-Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. At the close of the Fair, Mrs. Dillon will send a detailed report to the Grand Chapters, through the Committee appointed to make collections.

So far as the courtesy extended is concerned, we appreciate this appointment, but it has meant hard work and much anxiety in many ways that cannot be named. We have been associated with five other members of this Board, and it has been a privilege to work with these noble women, who are interested in the advancement and elevation of their sex:

Mrs. Ginerva L. Miller, Missouri, Degree of Honor.

Miss Bina M. West, Michigan, Lady Maccabees of the World.

Mrs. Myra B. Enright, Kansas, Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Eunice Melville, Minnesota, Rebekahs.

Mrs. Geo. J. Frankel, Missouri, Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

That magnificent Temple stands as a living monument to the zeal and earnestness of the Fraternalists of the world, where the interests of over seven million persons are held as sacred, both in a beneficiary and fraternal spirit.

I want to extend thanks to the Committee who worked so faithfully, to the Grand Chapters and members of our Order who responded so generously, making it possible for the Eastern Star to take her place among the great Fraternal Societies of the world in this beautiful Temple.

When I accepted this appointment the M. W. Grand

Matron instructed me to charge any expense incurred to the General Grand Chapter; this, however, I felt would not be a wise thing to do, and therefore I paid all the expenses myself until such time as the Board of Directors was in position to reimburse me, which they have done in part—some stenographic work from time to time, as the correspondence became burdensome, I have charged to the General Grand Chapter.

I desire to extend thanks to the Board of Directors of the Temple of Fraternity for all courtesies extended to me, individually, and to the Eastern Star as an organization.

We hope that each and all of you will visit our home in the Temple and express your satisfaction at its completeness. All who have been there are of our own opinion, and are generous in their words of commendation.

Special credit is due to Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, who has given her time and energy to every detail as only one can who has the interests of the Order at heart and a willingness to serve those interests without compensation.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, M. W. Grand Matron, and L. Cabell Williamson, M. W. Grand Patron, have ever shown their loyalty to the Order by their harmony of action in every way, and their kindness to me; their confidence expressed and implied in my judgment in conducting the financial affairs of the General Grand Chapter has encouraged me to greater efforts.

I was very much gratified when I closed my books July 15, 1904, and found that I was able to report to them and to you a cash balance in the Treasury of Ninety-Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$9,556.41).

From the reports of the several Grand Secretaries and our own, we have the pleasure of reporting a total membership of over three hundred thousand, including those in New

York, New Jersey and Washington. These figures will be somewhat increased by the final report of the Grand Secretaries.

It is a matter of personal pride that I have seen the Order of the Eastern Star grow from an organization in October 6, 1866, of 30 members in my own city of Chicago, to its present membership.

Words are vain indeed to express the gratitude that I so deeply feel for the continued expression of confidence and love extended to me by members of the Order, wherever I may be.

To my superior officers who have ever been kind, I can but give public expression of my appreciation and renew my fidelity to the Order in which I have been almost continuously in active work for nearly forty years.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Upon motion of William H. Saunders, the report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The invitation to have pictures of the body taken was announced, and upon motion it was accepted.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron ~~extended~~ an invitation to all members present with their friends, to attend a reception at the Jefferson Hotel at 8:30 o'clock this evening.

She also announced that a banquet would be tendered by the Grand Chapter of Missouri in the Cathedral to all mem-

bers of the General Grand Chapter, Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock.

REPORT OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER, MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK.

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 20, 1901.	To cash on hand from last report.....	\$5,060.88
Dec. 3, "	Rec'd from Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	483.72
Dec. 30, "	" " "	289.00
Jan. 28, 1902.	" " "	306.50
Feb. 25, "	" " "	535.48
April 1, "	" " "	571.15
April 18, "	" " "	624.51
May 20, "	" " "	200.00
June 5, "	" " "	197.16
July 1, "	" " "	657.25
Aug. 2, "	" " "	339.98
Aug. 12, "	" " "	530.69
Sept. 29, "	" " "	679.66
Nov. 14, "	" " "	389.75
Jan. 16, 1903.	" " "	1,429.55
Jan. 22, "	" Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on \$369.45 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	14.77
Feb. 10, "	" Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	1,457.18
Feb. 18, "	" Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on \$519.80 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	20.79
April 3, "	" Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	727.17
April 19, "	" Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on \$610.75 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	24.43
April 28, "	" Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	526.35
June 17, "	" " "	453.33
July 28, "	" " "	661.24
Aug. 11, "	" " "	323.90
Sept. 15, "	" " "	548.82
Oct. 22, "	" " "	817.85

Nov. 30, "	"	"	"	433.55
Jan. 15, 1904.	"	"	"	1,213.54
Jan. 22, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on		
		\$384.22 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	15.36	
Feb. 4, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	1,006.32	
Feb. 18, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on		
		\$540.59 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	21.62	
April 4, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	1,291.06	
April 19, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, interest on		
		\$635.18 for 1 year at 4 per cent.	25.40	
May 28, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	643.58	
July 1, "	"	"	309.16	
July 21, "	"	"	1,083.98	
July 31, "	"	"	1,198.80	
Total				\$25,113.48

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS.

1901. By cash.

Oct. 3, No. 411.	N. A. Gearhart, Appropriation \$300, Ex-		
	penses \$30.17	\$	330.17
" 3, "	415. North Land P't'y, N. A. Gearhart's Address		25.30
" 3, "	416. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary, July 16, 1901, to		
	Sept. 30, 1901		208.20
" 3, "	417. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Expenses..		500.00
" 10, "	414. Whitehead Hoag & Co.....		58.00
" 14, "	410. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Appropriation \$800,		
	Expenses \$39		839.00
" 31, "	412. Masonic Temple Association, Rent		200.00
Nov. 11, "	419. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary Oct. 1901		83.33
" 14, "	418. J. S. Whitman, Printing Address of M. W.		
	G. Matron		28.00
" 21, "	428. Robt. S. Kerr, Mileage		17.07
" 21, "	431. Jas. B. Merritt, Mileage		50.00
" 21, "	445. Willis D. Engle, Mileage		5.40
" 21, "	448. N. A. Gearhart, Hotel Bill, Detroit, 4 days		13.25
" 21, "	433. Wilford C. Wilson, Mileage		13.48
" 25, "	430. Elizabeth Magee, Mileage		16.66
" 26, "	425. Sarah B. Haggard, Mileage		5.44
" 26, "	444. Nellie E. Scott, Mileage		18.76
" 26, "	443. Jennie E. Mathews, Mileage		12.04

Nov. 27,	No. 438.	Chas. A. Eckert, Mileage	3.84
" 27,	" 442.	Elizabeth Salter, Mileage	14.88
" 30,	" 449.	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Hotel Bill, Detroit.	32.50
Dec. 2,	" 446.	Mary C. Snedden, Mileage	18.60
" 2,	" 423.	Madeline B. Conkling, Mileage	23.00
" 2,	" 426.	Emogene Williams, Mileage	14.68
Nov. 21,	" 421.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mileage	5.44
" 22,	" 447.	Chicago Telephone Company	16.30
" 22,	" 424.	Ella S. Washburn, Mileage	6.68
" 25,	" 436.	H. L. Stillson, Mileage	11.48
" 26,	" 440.	Sterling M. Price, Mileage	11.28
Dec. 3,	" 427.	Almer A. Piper, Mileage	14.58
" 3,	" 432.	Anna L. Tilton, Mileage	41.80
" 10,	" 439.	Mrs. M. Conrad, Mileage	3.44
" 3,	" 450.	Robert Stewart, Printing	31.00
" 3,	" 451.	John Anderson Publishing Co., Printing..	81.17
" 3,	" 435.	Mrs. May Chapman, Mileage.....	11.02
" 5,	" 452.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, November Salary	83.33
" 23,	" 454.	Robert Stewart, Printing Rituals, New Plates, Revising Old	730.27
" 24,	" 453.	John Anderson Publishing Co., Printing..	37.20
" 30,	" 413.	Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, Appropriation	100.00
" 30,	" 422.	Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, Mileage	9.63
" 31,	" 457.	The Carqueville Lithographing Co., Print- ing Signets,	372.00
1902.			
Jan. 2,	" 455.	Howard J. Decker, Office Rent from July 15, 1901, to Jan. 1, 1902	82.50
" 3,	" 459.	Robert Stewart, Printing	77.25
" 6,	" 434.	Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, Mileage	15.30
" 7,	" 458.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary Dec. 1901..	83.33
" 13,	" 456.	Mrs. E. T. Dozier, Services as Stenographer from July 15, 1901, to Jan. 1, 1902	129.00
" 14,	" 460.	Pantagraph Printing Company, Printing Secret Work	22.90
" 27,	" 461.	Chicago Telephone Co., Telephone from Jan. 1, 1902, to April 1, 1902	15.00
Feb. 7,	" 463.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan. 1902 ..	83.33
" 7,	" 464.	Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Expense to Oklahoma and New Mexico	110.00
" 22,	" 462.	Fidelity & Deposit Company, Bonds, R. W. G. Secretary and R. W. G. Treasurer ..	30.00
Mar. 6,	" 465.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Feb. 1902 ..	83.33

Mar. 6,	No. 466.	John Anderson Publishing Co., Printing ..	537.30
April 1,	"	467. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Mar. 1902 ..	83.33
" 17,	"	468. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Traveling Expenses..	160.00
May 1,	"	470. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April	83.33
" 6,	"	469. Chicago Telephone Co., Telephone Service	15.25
" 9,	"	471. Robert Stewart, Printing Rituals and 10,000 slips.....	686.33
" 13,	"	473. Traders Ins. Co., Insurance	15.00
" 13,	"	472. Laura B. Hart, Balance due on Traveling Expense	34.80
Jun. 4,	"	474. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May, 1902 ..	83.33
July 2,	"	475. Mrs. E. T. Dozier, Stenographic Work from Jan. 1, to July 1, 1902	153.00
" 2,	"	477. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June	83.33
" 14,	"	476. Mrs. H. J. Decker, Office Rent from Jan. 1, to July 1, 1902	90.00
Aug. 15,	"	478. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July	83.33
" 16,	"	479. Chicago Telephone Co., Service from July 1, to Oct. 1	15.80
" 30,	"	480. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Expenses	65.00
Sept. 11,	"	481. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for August	83.33
Oct. 2,	"	482. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for September ..	83.33
Nov. 15,	"	483. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for October	83.33
" 17,	"	484. Chicago Telephone Co., Service from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1903.....	15.70
" 18,	"	485. P. B. Arrington, on Account of Typewriter for Most Worthy Grand Matron	75.00
Dec. 26,	"	486. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for November ..	83.33
1903.			
Jan. 2,	"	487. Lorraine J. Pitkin, on Account of Contin- gent Fund	500.00
" 2,	"	488. H. J. Decker, Office Rent from July 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903.....	90.00
" 2,	"	489. Mrs. E. T. Dozier, Stenographic Services from July 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903.....	140.00
" 2,	"	490. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec. 1902 ..	83.33
Feb. 3,	"	491. Robert Stewart, Rituals	667.75
" 3,	"	492. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for January, 1903	83.33
" 7,	"	493. Chicago Telephone Company, Service First Quarter, 1903	16.80
Mar. 2,	"	494. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for February ..	83.33
" 18,	"	495. Roderick Nevers, Lithographed Letter H'ds	80.50

Mar. 20,	"	496. Fidelity & Deposit Company, Renewal Bonds for R. W. G. Sec'y and R. W. G. Treas.	30.00
April 8,	"	497. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March.....	83.33
" 30,	"	498. Chicago Telephone Co., Service from April 1, to July 1, 1903.....	16.25
May 23,	"	499. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April	83.33
" 27,	"	441. Margaret Howard, Mileage	16.00
Jun. 4,	"	500. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Expenses	150.00
" 4,	"	501. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for May	83.33
" 30,	"	502. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June	83.33
July 8,	"	503. Robert Stewart on Account Rituals....	661.95
" 8,	"	504. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Expenses \$60, and Typewriter \$40.....	100.00
" 14,	"	506. Mrs. E. T. Dozier, Stenographer from Jan. 1, 1903, to July 1, 1903	199.50
" 18,	"	505. H. J. Decker, Rent from Jan. 1, to July 1..	90.00
" 31,	"	507. Chicago Telephone Co., Service from July 1, to Oct. 1	15.25
Aug. 3,	"	508. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July	83.33
Sept. 7,	"	509. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for August	83.33
Oct. 19,	"	510. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for September ..	83.33
Nov. 2,	"	511. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for October ..	83.33
" 13,	"	512. Chicago Telephone Co., Telephone Last Quarter, 1903	15.45
" 30,	"	513. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for November ..	83.33
Dec. 22,	"	515. C. S. Millard, Renewal Bond Certificate of R. W. G. Sec'y and R. W. G. Treas. ..	30.00
1904.			
Jan. 11,	"	516. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Dec. 1903 ..	83.33
" 11,	"	517. H. J. Decker, Rent from July 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904	90.00
" 13,	"	519. Lorraine J. Pitkin, on Account of Contin- gent	300.00
" 16,	"	518. Mrs. E. L. Dozier, Stenographer from July 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904	140.25
" 27,	"	514. John Anderson Pub. Co., Printing By-Laws	26.00
Feb. 4,	"	522. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for January ..	83.33
" 6,	"	520. Chicago Telephone Co., Service	15.00
" 10,	"	521. Robert Stewart, Printing Rituals	721.50
" 13,	"	523. Banbury P't'g Co., Printing Dispensations	21.56
Mar. 1,	"	524. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for February....	83.33
Apr. 19,	"	525. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for March	83.33
" 28,	"	527. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, on Acc. of Expenses..	8.00

May 17,	"	526. Chicago Telephone Co., Service April 1, to June 30	15.20
"	31,	" 528. Laura B. Hart, Expense in Traveling	250.00
Jun. 20,	"	529. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary April and May	166.66
July 19,	"	532. Robert Stewart on Account of Rituals	659.25
"	21,	" 531. Carqueville Lithographing Co., Signets ...	421.50
"	22,	" 533. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for June and to July 15	125.24
"	22,	" 536. H. J. Decker, Rent from Jan. 1, to July 15..	97.50
"	28,	" 538. Chicago Telephone Co., Telephone Service	15.00
"	28,	" 537. Mrs. E. T. Dozier, Stenographer	170.00
"	28,	" 534. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Account to July 15	218.35
"	29,	" 535. Laura B. Hart, Expenses to Scotland	380.00
"	29,	" 530. Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Traveling Expenses, Postage, Stationery, etc.....	120.00
Total,			\$15,557.07

We present the following interest-bearing Certificates of Deposit on Anamosa National Bank in amount as follows:

1	Certificate of Deposit dated Sept. 29, 1903.....	\$ 679.66
1	" " " " Jan. 22, 1904	399.58
1	" " " " Feb. 18, 1904	562.21
1	" " " " April 19, 1904	660.58
1	" " " " April 4, 1904	1,291.06
Total,		\$ 3,593.09

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand from last report	\$ 5,060.88
Received as Interest, Anamosa National Bank	122.37
Received from R. W. Grand Secretary	19,930.23
Total Receipts	\$25,113.48
Total Expenditures ...	15,557.07
Balance on hand	\$ 9,556.41

Fraternally submitted,

HARRIETTE E. ERCANBRACK,

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Anamosa, Ia., Aug. 1, 1904.

Harriette A. Ercanbrack in Account with Fraternal Building Fund,
St. Louis, Mo.

1903

Mar. 30,	To cash,	Rhode Island	\$10.25
April 1,	" "	Idaho	32.00
" 7,	" "	Wisconsin	21.10
" 14,	" "	Massachusetts	92.00
" 14,	" "	New Hampshire	17.72
" 14,	" "	Arkansas	11.81
" 14,	" "	South Carolina	3.00
" 13,	" "	Rhode Island .....	.10
" 13,	" "	Kansas	183.00
" 13,	" "	Texas	216.70
" 13,	" "	New Jersey	35.15
" 16,	" "	Arkansas	75.00
" 16,	" "	Maryland	13.55
" 17,	" "	South Dakota	74.75
" 21,	" "	Montana	37.90
" 21,	" "	Nebraska	60.00
" 21,	" "	Alabama	17.60
" 21,	" "	Colorado	231.05
" 27,	" "	Oregon	130.50
" 27,	" "	Arizona	14.25
" 29,	" "	Iowa	470.71
May 1,	" "	Idaho	2.00
" 5,	" "	New Jersey	17.95
" 5,	" "	Honolulu	5.00
" 6,	" "	Indiana	222.66
" 13,	" "	Washington, D. C.	94.80
" 13,	" "	Pennsylvania	36.10
" 27,	" "	Massachusetts	11.60
June 6,	" "	Tennessee	10.60
" 6,	" "	Arizona	4.25
" 6,	" "	Nevada	5.00
" 6,	" "	South Dakota	1.50
" 6,	" "	Per Sallie E. Dillon Draft	1.50
" 8,	" "	Minnesota	288.45
" 11,	" "	California	424.65
" 16,	" "	Vermont	90.00
" 16,	" "	Wyoming	37.95
" 16,	" "	North Dakota	69.75
" 19,	" "	Wisconsin	3.50
July 9,	" "	Colorado	7.00

July	9,	To cash,	North Dakota	11.30
"	9,	" "	Nebraska	38.50
"	9,	" "	Oklahoma	62.50
"	28,	" "	Gen. Grand Chapter per Lorraine J. Pitkin	67.05
Aug.	12,	" "	Illinois	674.04
Sept.	14,	" "	Washington	50.00
Oct.	8,	" "	Massachusetts	5.00
"	21,	" "	Idaho	1.10
"	22,	" "	Idaho	1.05
Nov.	11,	" "	New York	100.00
"	20,	" "	Iowa	120.05
Dec.	14,	" "	Louisiana.....	38.20
"	22,	" "	New Mexico	21.75
1904				
Jan.	9,	" "	Indiana	2.30
"	15,	" "	New York	1.05
"	16,	" "	Kansas	8.77
"	26,	" "	Illinois	22.85
"	30,	" "	Missouri	751.50
Feb.	27,	" "	Wisconsin	100.00
Mar.	11,	" "	New Hampshire	8.06
"	21,	" "	Kansas	1.20
"	28,	" "	Massachusetts	2.60
"	13,	" "	Indiana .....	.36
May	7,	" "	Minnesota	7.20
"	19,	" "	Texas	33.40
"	19,	" "	Connecticut	52.00
"	19,	" "	Georgia	23.31
"	19,	" "	California	2.50
"	19,	" "	South Dakota	1.10
"	19,	" "	New Jersey .....	.60
"	19,	" "	Tennessee	1.85
"	19,	" "	Missouri	46.69
"	20,	" "	Massachusetts	1.93
"	25,	" "	Oklahoma	20.85
June	10,	" "	Iowa	20.95
Aug.	9,	" "	New Hampshire	2.50
"	11,	" "	Connecticut	63.28
"	11,	" "	Ohio	100.00
"	11,	" "	Oregon	59.70
"	11,	" "	Missouri	11.75
"	31,	" "	Kansas	1.00

Aug. 31,	"	"	Arkansas	1.87
"	31,	"	Indian Territory	5.00
"	31,	"	Louisiana	2.50
"	31,	"	Michigan	55.82
"	31,	"	Montana	18.40
"	31,	"	North Dakota	1.55
"	31,	"	South Dakota	2.05
"	31,	"	Tennessee	2.00
"	31,	"	Texas	30.15
Total				\$ 5,742.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

1903.

June 17 By cash, Mr. H. Thompson, Treas. of Fraternal
Building Association\$ 2,000.00

May 13, " " To collect Colorado Springs Check45

1904.

Jan. 4, " " To collect Silver City Check25

April 18, " " Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon 1,250.00

" 18, " " Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon 500.00

July 11, " " Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon 500.00

Sept. 1, " " Postage and Stationery 5.00

Total\$ 4,255.70

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts\$ 5,742.20

Total Expenditures 4,255.70

Balance on hand\$ 1,486.50

Fraternally submitted,

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Anamosa, Ia., Sept. 1, 1904.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill, the report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A telegram of greeting and regret was received from Worthy Grand Adah, Mrs. Lee Christie, and was ordered noted in the Proceedings.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Clara A. McBride, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, was adopted as far as read, and the Committee was granted further time in which to complete the report:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron,
Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,
O. E. S.*

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully report the following as present and entitled to seats and votes in the General Grand Chapter:

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, M. W. Grand Matron.

L. Cabell Williamson, M. W. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.

Dr. W. F. Kuhn, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, R. W. Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, R. W. Associate Grand Conductress.

A. C. McDaniel, Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Anna D. Stoffel, Worthy Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Louise Mathews, Worthy Grand Esther.

Mrs. Mary Barry, Worthy Grand Martha.

Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, Worthy Grand Electa.

Mrs. Helen C. Cole, Worthy Grand Warder.
Edward M. Platt, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Worthy Grand Marshal.
Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, Worthy Grand Organist.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Elmira Foley,
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,
Mrs. Nettie Ransford,
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden,
Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

Benjamin Lynds.

ALABAMA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Hannah D. Chaffee, Associate Grand Matron.

ARIZONA.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Past Grand Matron.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Jennie A. Ellis, Grand Matron.
John M. Oathout, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Alma Strong, Past Grand Matron.
Mark P. Olney, Past Grand Patron.
Dr. J. B. Ellis, Past Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Mattie A. Farnum, Past Grand Matron and proxy
for the Grand Matron.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Mary Barry, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Sawtelle, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lina H. Baldwin, proxy for the Grand Patron.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mrs. Nellie M. Landergren, Grand Matron.
Mrs. M. B. Okey, proxy for the Grand Patron.
Angus Lamond, proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jeannette R. Newton, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. M. Ella Espey, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Willie R. Messenger, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Eliza P. Walson, Past Grand Matron.
John F. O'Neill, Past Grand Patron.

FLORIDA.

Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, Grand Matron.
Miss Azeele Caruthers, Associate Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

GEORGIA.

Mrs. Hattie May Delkin, Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron.
John P. Davis, Associate Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Mary R. Inghram, Grand Matron.
Harris W. Huehl, Grand Patron.
Minnie Wright, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jennie Freeman, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. May Chapman, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sadie Morrison, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lottie J. Wiley, Past Grand Matron.
Daniel G. Burr, Past Grand Patron.
A. G. Hug, Past Grand Patron.
D. W. Whittenburg, Past Grand Patron.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Annie C. Banes, Grand Matron.
William Conrad, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Agnes I. Hartsuck, Associate Grand Matron.
Frank M. Forkner, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Past Grand Matron.
Miss Laura J. Breckinridge, Past Grand Matron.
Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Bessie C. Sharpe, Grand Matron.
J. G. Ralls, Grand Patron.
Eva Ralls, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. McClure, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Past Grand Matron and proxy
for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Rebecca M. Swain, Past Grand Matron.

IOWA.

Mrs. Fanny M. Sever, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Martha B. Norris, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary B. Rathbun, Past Grand Matron.

William H. Norris, Past Grand Patron.

A. J. Small, Past Grand Patron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Catherine S. Hughes, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Carrie E. Yates, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Della Bennett, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ettie S. Main, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lou. A. Olmstead, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Dilla Bittel, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Katie Z. Crumbine, Past Grand Matron.

Henry Parker, Past Grand Patron.

KENTUCKY.

Mrs. Katie I. Thomas, Grand Matron.

A. P. Gooding, Associate Grand Patron.

LOUISIANA.

Mrs. Delia Walsdorf, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Zoe Gorham, proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary S. Herring, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sadie D. McGoldrick, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

John S. Alfred, Past Grand Patron.

MAINE.

Mrs. Grace M. Ames, Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

MARYLAND.

Mrs. Icia F. Swartz, Grand Matron.

Frederick Megenhardt, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Emma C. Hellen, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Past Grand Matron.

Edwin F. White, Past Grand Patron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for the Grand Patron.

Joseph W. Hill, Past Grand Patron.

Frank A. Noyes, Past Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Mary R. Tubbs, Grand Matron and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Lewis C. Goodrich, Grand Patron.

Fred H. Hosford, Past Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ida M. Brown, proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Nettie F. Merriam, proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Julia E. Moore, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Flora E. Moore, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Past Grand Matron.

Wilford C. Wilson, Past Grand Patron.

MISSOURI.

Miss Mary Jean White, Grand Matron.

E. E. Coddling, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ella Deiss, proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Cora D. Milligan, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Louisa J. Moore, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary E. Lynds, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Annie F. Goodrich, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sarah E. McCully, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Genevieve F. Wyatt, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mattie P. Barney, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary S. Russell, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Kate Murphy, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ella J. Flanders, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Marie K. Ambrose, Past Grand Matron.

William R. Stubblefield, Past Grand Patron.

William McCully, Past Grand Patron.

Jack P. Richardson, Past Grand Patron.

John R. Parson, Past Grand Patron.

C. Hanson, Past Grand Patron.

Thomas S. Kelly, Past Grand Patron.

Chas. L. McDonald, Past Grand Patron.

T. A. Dunn, Past Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Mary E. Haggard, Grand Matron.

John A. Haggard, proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Anna C. Simpson, proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

Frank Young, Associate Grand Patron.

H. A. Turton, Past Grand Patron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Mrs. Nettie E. S. Parsons, Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Martha A. Safford, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

NEW MEXICO.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron.

Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Inez Chisum, Associate Grand Matron.

OHIO.

Mrs. Alice H. Smith, Grand Matron.

Kimball Sedgwick, Grand Patron and proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jeannette S. May, Associate Grand Matron.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

Mrs. Ollie M. Wardwell, Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ida M. Lewis, Past Grand Matron.

OREGON.

Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, proxy for the Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

Mrs. Elbirda L. Orr, Associate Grand Matron.

W. H. Heselbarth, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary A. Strachan, Past Grand Matron.

W. H. Saunders, Past Grand Patron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Emogene H. Williams, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron.

S. Penrose Williams, Past Grand Patron and proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Grand Matron and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron.

James P. Vaughn, Past Grand Patron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Alice B. Turner, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Eva G. Davison, Past Grand Matron.

George A. Pettigrew, Past Grand Patron.

Robert F. Kerr, Past Grand Patron.

TENNESSEE.

Mrs. Nannie E. Barton, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Eva Bishop, proxy for the Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary R. Forbes, proxy for the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Belle De Rossett, Past Grand Matron.

Sterling M. Price, Past Grand Patron.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Amelia Huvelle, Associate Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron, Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Agnes V. Young, Past Grand Matron.

VERMONT.

Mrs. Helen C. Cole, Past Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Matron.

Henry L. Stillson, Past Grand Patron and proxy for the Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

J. S. Weeks, Past Grand Patron.

VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Mary E. Nesbitt, proxy for the Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron.

Chas. A. Nesbitt, Grand Patron.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Stephen Waterhouse, Jr., Associate Grand Patron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Alice M. Bashford, Grand Matron and proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Martha Yerkes, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Nellie M. Towner, Past Grand Matron.

William Hinsey, Past Grand Patron.

WYOMING.

Mrs. Ada Miller, Past Grand Matron.

UTAH.

Mrs. Georgiana Higson, proxy for the Worthy Matron of Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.

MRS. CLARA A. McBRIDE,
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
MRS. GRACE M. AMES.

ADDRESSES.

Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted a partial report as follows, and asked for further time on two points in the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron, and upon motion of Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, the request was granted and the matters referred:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron, respectfully report that having examined these Addresses, do submit as a result of their labors, the following recommendations:

1st—That all matters contained herein having reference to deceased members be referred to a Memorial Committee.

2nd—We recommend that all matters relating to revenue, disbursements, abatement of dues contained in the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron be referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

3rd—That all matters contained in the Address of the M. W. Grand Matron in relation to her other official acts, decisions and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, except recommendation No. 8, which we have covered in the preceding recommendations.

4th—That all matters contained therein having reference to Chapters organized, chapters reorganized and Grand Chapters organized by the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron, be referred to the Committee on Charters, except the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which we refer as a whole to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

5th—That such portions of the M. W. Grand Matron's Address as relates to the subject of the Order of the Eastern Star affiliating with the National Council of Women, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

6th—In relation to the M. W. Grand Patron's Address, we recommend that that portion relating to the organization of a Grand Chapter in Nevada be referred to the incoming M. W. Grand Patron.

7th—We recommend that the portion of the M. W. Grand Patron's Address relating to Deputies appointed for the organization of Chapters in New Zealand and the Province of Quebec be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your Committee rejoice at the unprecedented prosperity of our Order, and in reviewing the Addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron, we have been impressed by the great amount of work accomplished. They have kept the faith, discharging their "duties to the satisfaction of this General Grand Chapter and the honor and welfare of our Order." We are gratified by the expression made by our sisters and brothers in Scotland that no one can be "better loved than our M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Laura B. Hart. May the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack ever float in conjunction with the banner of 'The Eastern Star,' and ultimately may all Nations 'come to Worship Him.'"

MRS. LOUISE LYON JOHNSON,
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

CONSTITUTION.

Sterling M. Price, from the Committee on Constitution, submitted the following report, which was referred by the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members
of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:*

Your Committee appointed by resolution at Detroit in 1901 to codify and revise the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Constitution of this body, and find very little, in our opinion, requiring any change. However, we recommend the following amendments, believing that their adoption will determine and settle some questions that have heretofore been discussed by members of the General Grand Chapter in session and have not been clearly defined:

(a) Amend Sec. 4 of Art. II, by striking out in the 4th line, the words "and must be a member of such Grand Chapter."

(b) Amend Art. XIII by striking out all of Sec. 4.

(c) Amend Art. XVI, clause sixth, under the heading "Charters," by striking out all after the word "shall" in the 2nd line, to and including the word "they" in the 6th line, and the word "also" in the same line.

(d) Amend Art. III by striking out all of Sec. 4 and insert instead thereof the following: All matter printed in the Ritual, published by authority of the General Grand Chapter, under the head of Subordinate Chapters, on pages 4 and 5, and the Article under the head of Membership on page 7; also any legislation or decisions of the General Grand Chapter shall be held as binding only on subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of this body.

The portion of the resolution which required the printing and distribution of this report to members of the General Grand Chapter was not complied with, as your Commit-

tee found that the expense would far exceed the appropriation made for that purpose.

S. M. PRICE,
JOSEPH W. HILL,
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments were read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Amend Art. IX by striking out all of Sec. 2, and inserting instead thereof, the following:

Sec. 2. The sum of Four Hundred Dollars shall be allowed the Most Worthy Grand Matron as compensation for her services, and a sum not exceeding that amount for traveling and all other expenses of her office, of which a detailed statement shall be rendered. The sum of Two Hundred Dollars shall be allowed the Most Worthy Grand Patron as compensation, and a sum not exceeding that amount for all other expenses of his office, of which a detailed statement shall be rendered. The compensation shall be paid semi-annually in advance, and the expenses on proper vouchers as incurred.

JOSEPH W. HILL.

Amend Art. IV, Sec. 1, to read as follows:

The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as may be determined by a vote of the General Grand Chapter at its previous meeting.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to have the power to change the place of meeting in case of any extraordinary emergency.

J. F. O'NEILL,
CHAS. A. NESBITT.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Icia F. Swartz presented the following resolution, which was referred, without motion, to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved: That all members of the General Grand Chapter file Credentials under seal of their respective Grand Chapter (or subordinate Chapter) with the Credential Committee; also that all proxies be under seal of the respective Grand Chapter (or subordinate Chapter.)

MRS. ICIA F. SWARTZ.

Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

TUESDAY, Sept. 20, 1904.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the morning session was declared open for business.

GREETING.

The following was presented by William F. Kuhn, which upon his own motion was wired by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to N. A. Gearhart, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron:

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20, 1904.

N. A. GEARHART,
Duluth, Minn.

Most Worthy Brother:—

The officers, members and representatives of the General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, in Eleventh Triennial Session assembled, send you hearty greeting and cheer. We extend to you our sincere sympathy in your illness and trust that He who does all things well will restore you to health, that you may do more valiant service in the Order you so much love.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, and no objections appearing, were ordered approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following special committee, as provided for:

Miss Mary Jean White.

Mrs. Inez V. Chisum.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mrs. Ella A. Bigelow of Marlborough, Mass., made the following presentations:

A beautiful tapestry painting of "Adah" to the M. W. Grand Matron;

A ruler, made from the wood of a tree cut down by the Right Honorable William Gladstone, to the M. W. Grand Patron;

A tapestry painting of "Ruth and Naomi" to the R. W. Associate Grand Matron;

The beautiful painting of "Palms of Peace" to our R. W. Grand Secretary;

A tapestry painting of a "Shriner" to the R. W. Associate Grand Patron, which were responded to in fitting words by the recipients.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurispru-

dence, presented the following, and upon motion of William F. Kuhn, seconded by Mrs. Margaret Lutke, the report was declared adopted unanimously :

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred those portions of the addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron relating to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the concordat contained therein,—signed by Mrs. Laura B. Hart, in behalf of the General Grand Chapter, and Alfred A. Murray, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Scotland,—have carefully considered the same, and would respectfully offer the following :

Recognizing the fact that the Order Eastern Star is in its essence the Masonic family, and to this extent auxiliary to that Ancient and Honorable Institution; and that, like Freemasonry, it is destined to become world-wide in its administration, conforming itself to the genius, government, social customs, and environments of the peoples among whom it has been or may hereafter be established,—an international character which is inherent in the Order from the very nature of its genesis; therefore, we unhesitatingly recommend that the concordat with Scotland, in the form of resolutions (a copy of which appears in full in the address of the M. W. Grand Patron), be adopted on the part of the General Grand Chapter, and that the action of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron in the premises be ratified and confirmed; stipulating that the words “of America,” in paragraphs “D” and “H,” shall not be held on our part to be a waiver of the legal name of this body, which is and must ever remain: “The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star”;

and that it does not by this concordat release jurisdiction over any territory except as specified.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

The Chairman of the above Committee made further report, and upon his own motion, seconded by Mrs. Mate L. Chester, the same was adopted by a two-thirds vote:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred Recommendation No. 1 of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, would respectfully report the following:

Amend Section 1 of "Rules and Regulations" for the government of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to read as follows:

Sec. 1—Every Subordinate Chapter, not under the jurisdiction of any Grand Chapter, must have a charter from this General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter; and all communications, public or private, by Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, or the members thereof, with such illegal Chapters is hereby forbidden, except visiting members who shall have been regularly initiated in a legally constituted Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and having been heretofore recognized by this General Grand Chapter.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

A third report was read by the Chairman, and upon motion of Mrs. M. Alice Miller, seconded by Sterling M. Price, the same was declared adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred those portions of the Address of the M. W. Grand Patron relating to the care of the Chapters in Nevada, the institution of Subordinate Chapters at home and abroad, and the organization of the Grand Chapters of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Idaho, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Scotland, have duly examined the details, and administrative acts attendant thereof, and recommend that the same be and are hereby approved.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

MEMORIAL.

Mark P. Olney, from the Memorial Committee, read the following, which upon his own motion, seconded by A. P. Gooding, was declared adopted by a rising vote:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee on Memorials, to which was referred so much of the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as relates to deaths within our ranks, hereby submit our report with recommendations.

We find that though many in our beloved Order to whom honors had come and whose voices had many times been heard

in the councils of the Order have passed over and joined the Great Majority, yet the immediate circle of this General Grand Chapter is today complete.

Truly amid the shifting scenes of life and its many uncertainties and dangers, may we not thank an all-wise Providence that we who assemble here today have been gloriously spared to enjoy this happy occasion.

Eighteen grand jurisdictions have felt the chilly hand of death, and from these have gone forth thirty-six Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to receive whatever reward their lives entitle them to enjoy. We know not the cause of their going nor the fullness of their reward, but this we know, that he who is faithful here in little things will there enjoy blessings, rest abounding and eternal.

These partings here in sorrow are but the means which make possible our happy meetings in that bright tomorrow.

Every name upon the Memorial Roll represents the breaking of home and family ties, and while we have not known them all, yet each has been some mother's pride and hopeful stay, whose rise to eminence and honor has caused the happiness of parents, of family and of friends.

"There is no fold howe'er watched and tended
But one dead lamb is there.
There is no fireside howsoe'er defended,
But has one vacant chair."

While the dispensations we here record have brought sorrow and burdened hearts to many homes, yet each of us must bear his personal griefs and sorrows alone, being assured that at last "there remaineth a rest."

We could not write a faithful memorial to each of these departed loved ones, for he only can write a faithful epitaph who in life knew us best and loved us most, to bring to notice

the virtues which we all possess, and with the hand of love pass by and cover our many frailties.

We recommend that Memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings to the memory of each of these departed sisters and brothers.

MARK P. OLNEY,
MRS. ICIA F. SWARTZ.

Upon motion of William F. Kuhn, the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 1:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY, Sept. 20, 1904.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 1:30 o'clock, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

CHARTERS.

Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following, and upon her own motion, seconded by Mrs. Mate L. Chester, the report was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Charters has carefully considered all matters referred to it, and would respectfully submit the following report:

In the organization of Grand Chapters, the granting of charters, organization and reorganization of subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter during the past three years, we find that the official action of the M. W. Grand Patron has, in each instance, been in strict conformity with the laws and customs governing the General

Grand Chapter; we would, therefore, recommend that said action be approved by this Grand Body.

MISS LAURA J. BRECKENRIDGE,
MRS. DELLA BENNETT,
MRS. KATIE I. THOMAS.

Mrs. Alcena Lamond, from the Committee on Addresses, presented a report, which after some discussion was referred back to the Committee for investigation of some matters under consideration.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee on Credentials, made additional report, which was adopted, showing number of voters present.

William H. Norris, from the Committee on Finance, stated that they would be ready with their report the first thing Wednesday morning, and requested that all matters to come before that Committee be handed to him during the afternoon.

ADDRESSES.

Mrs. Alcena Lamond, from the Committee on Addresses, read the following, and upon motion of A. C. McDaniel, seconded by Mrs. M. Alice Miller, the report was unanimously adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

In arranging the partial report presented yesterday, but two members of the Committee were present. In the Address of the M. W. Grand Patron were two matters which were deemed of such importance that it was thought wise to have expression from the full Committee.

Having given due consideration to these subjects, we are prepared to report.

In relation to the "White Shrine of Jerusalem," we have arrived at the conclusion that it is unnecessary to refer this matter to a Committee, as the law of our Order is fully understood to consist of but five degrees, and there can be no other or higher degrees, and as our M. W. Grand Patron states, "All members should maintain the landmarks of the Order in this respect." We believe that while no restriction can be placed upon any members as to their connection with the "White Shrine," or of any other organization, yet we feel that no member has a right as such to advocate the engrafting upon the Order of the Eastern Star any so-called higher degrees, after the repeated declarations of the General Grand Chapter that there are but five degrees of the Order.

In relation to what was said by the M. W. Grand Patron on the eligibility of certain so-called Spanish Masons in Pennsylvania, your Committee feels that it is unnecessary to refer the matter to a Committee, for the reason that as the General Grand Chapter cannot recognize the claim of anyone as being eligible to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star except such persons as are known to be regular Masons or the female members of the families of regular Masons, and as the so-called Reginal Grand Lodge of Universal Freemasonry is a clandestine body, considered as such not alone by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Pennsylvania, but by all regular Masons, the question of eligibility of these persons is not a subject for the consideration of a Committee of this body, or any member of the General Grand Chapter, not excepting the M. W. Grand Matron herself.

MRS. ALCENA LAMOND,

MRS. LOUISE LYON JOHNSON,

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

Mark P. Olney made a motion that mileage for officers and committees be considered by the Committee on Finance. An amendment was offered which was accepted, that he re-

duce his motion to writing and present it to the Secretary's desk, which he did, but no action was taken on it.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the following, which upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, was adopted unanimously:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, appreciating the efforts of the M. W. Grand Matron to harmonize the conditions in granting liberties to Chapters, approves that part of her report relative to Special Dispensations, but deplores the granting of Special Dispensations to waive time on candidates, it being the opinion of this Committee that such Dispensations should be granted only in cases of *extreme emergency*.

H. L. STILLSON,
 MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
 MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
 MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
 MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

A further report was read by the Committee to consider the following amendments to the Constitution, which was acted upon by section and adopted unanimously, and upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, the report as a whole was adopted without opposition:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred various proposals of Amendment to the Constitution, have carefully considered the following:

1.—We concur in and recommend the adoption of recom-

mendation Third of the M. W. Grand Matron as to Sec. 2, Art. VIII, which as amended shall read :

Sec. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein, and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, or the General Grand Chapter.

2—We concur in and recommend the adoption of recommendation Fourth of the M. W. Grand Matron, as to Sec. 4, Art. VIII, which as amended shall read :

Sec. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power, in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

3—We do not concur in Recommendation Fifth of the M. W. Grand Matron, as to the proposed elimination of Sec. 2, Art. VII, from the Constitution of this General Grand Chapter.

4—We concur in and recommend the adoption of Recommendation Sixth with a slight verbal change, so that as amended by the Committee, it shall read as follows :

Sixth. I recommend that the Most Worthy Grand Matron be empowered with authority to arrest the charter of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter which persists in adding to or taking from the matter contained in our Ritual.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

APPEALS.

Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, from the Committee on Appeals, read her report, and upon motion of Mark P. Olney, the same was approved:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances desires to report that it has met and organized, but up to the present time it finds no appeals laid before it, which happy state of affairs would seem to indicate that the decisions of our M. W. Grand Matron have given universal satisfaction.

MRS. ALICE E. ROBBINS,
MRS. ELIZABETH WARREN,
MRS. ANNIE L. TILTON.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Chairman of the World's Fair Ways and Means Committee, read her report, which upon motion of Tom Kelly was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron,
Sisters and Brothers:*

As National Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the Order of the Eastern Star, appointed to raise funds to locate and maintain headquarters at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in the Temple of Fraternity, I present to you a brief report of my feeble efforts.

February 29th, 1902, Sister Laura B. Hart, M. W. Grand Matron, honored me by her approval of this appointment, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin having first presented my name to the Board of Directors for appointment, which they made.

These sisters placed explicit confidence in my ability to

raise this fund, which would reflect credit upon our noble Order.

Upon receiving this appointment I hesitated about accepting the same, for at that time I was not very robust, owing to recent illness; however, I put on the armor, feeling that success would crown our efforts if we followed the advice and counsel of a wise leader, which we had in our beloved sister, Lorraine J. Pitkin, who held a similar position in the White City. Her advice and assistance was very valuable to me; she was always willing to aid and co-operate with me at any time, never considering anything a trouble.

I cannot find words strong enough to thank Sister Pitkin, but I know if not rewarded here, that she will be and wear a crown of gems when she reaches the shining shore for all her kindnesses here among us.

At an early date I communicated with the Grand Matrons of the several grand jurisdictions, asking them to appoint sisters to be members of the Committee on Ways and Means. This resulted in the appointment of the following sisters, who collected these amounts:

Alabama	Hannah D. Chaffee	\$ 17.60
Arizona	Annie L. Tilton	18.50
Arkansas	Mrs. M. C. De Vaughan	88.68
California	Mary E. Partridge	427.15
Colorado	Mary Barry	238.05
Connecticut	Mary J. Silloway	115.28
Dist. Columbia	Elmira Foley	94.80
Georgia	Hattie May Delkin	23.81
Honolulu	.. .....	5.00
Subordinate Chapters, G. G. C.....		67.05
Iowa	Jennie E. Mathews	611.71
Illinois	Edna C. Wilcox.....	697.49
Ind. Ter.	Ruth McNeil	5.00
Indiana	Laura Breckenridge	225.32
Idaho	Louisa Rhea	36.15

Kansas	Della Bennett	193.97
Louisiana	Edna S. Rayner.....	40.70
Maryland	Anna D. Stoffel	13.55
Michigan	Helen E. C. Balmer	55.82
Massachusetts	Mattie L. Partridge	113.15
Minnesota	Inez P. Myers	295.65
Montana	Lizzie O. Marsh	56.30
Missouri	Sallie E. Dillon	809.94
Nebraska	Anna C. Simpson	98.50
Nevada	.. ..	5.00
New Jersey	Mary Martin	53.70
New Hampshire	Nancy J. Moody	28.28
New York	Anna W. McArthur	101.05
North Dakota	Josie Aurland	82.60
New Mexico	Elizabeth Warren	21.75
Ohio	Anna B. Wells	100.00
Oklahoma	Maria E. Stryker	83.35
Oregon	Margaret Lutke	190.20
Pennsylvania	Rata A. Mills	36.10
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	10.35
South Dakota	Mrs. A. M. McCallister.....	79.40
South Carolina	.. ..	3.00
Tennessee	Julia L. Gaines	14.45
Texas	Kate M. Bryan	280.25
Vermont	Augusta A. Young	90.00
Washington	.. ..	50.00
Wisconsin	Helen M. Laflin.....	124.60
Wyoming	Annie Bristol	37.95

Total.... \$5742.20

I feel so proud of my associates. They have been so pleasant and cordial. To them is due the credit of raising this very creditable amount. Our intercourse has been so pleasant that I was anxiously waiting for this session of the General Grand Chapter to be able to grasp the hand of these dear

sisters. To them I return my sincere thanks, and hope that our pleasant relations will not close with the closing of our headquarters. We have made a home in the Temple of Fraternity, where we welcomed from the East, West, North and South members to the greatest Fraternal Building, at the greatest exposition, in the greatest city, in the greatest state of the country.

Almost every day since the opening, some sister or sisters have acted as hostesses, and all have expressed great satisfaction and pleasure in filling these positions.

In closing, I wish to return my heartfelt thanks, first to our beloved Most Worthy Grand Matron, who reposed such confidence in my ability, to Sister Pitkin for her wise counsel, to Sister Ercanbrack for her many courtesies, and last, but not least, to the members of my Committee and the Matrons of the St. Louis Chapters, who have been my support. Without these I feel that failure may have been the result; but success has crowned every effort, and we are called in the Temple of Fraternity, the banner and Aristocratic Society.

MRS. SALLIE E. DILLON,
National Chairman O. E. S.

The R. W. Grand Secretary called the attention of the General Grand Chapter to the fact that three members of the General Grand Chapter who were present at this session, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, John R. Parson and Willis D. Engle, were also present at the organization of the General Grand Chapter, and suggested that some mention be made of the fact.

Mrs. Hattie May Delkin moved that these distinguished members be conducted to the East, which was done by the Grand Marshal, and they received the Grand Honors and made most interesting remarks.

The Committee on Credentials wished to add three additional names, one being that of Benjamin Lynds, who was the first Past Most Worthy Grand Patron who had ever been present at General Grand Chapter sessions after retiring from office.

Greetings from the Grand Chapter of Scotland were presented by Mrs. Alcena Lamond, and upon motion of Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mrs. Lamond was appointed a Committee, she to select one other, to formulate a resolution in the way of greetings to the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

William F. Kuhn moved that this Grand Body call off until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, and it was so declared.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 1904.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer the session was proclaimed open for business.

The Minutes of the preceding day's sessions were approved as read.

RESOLUTION.

The resolution in reference to mileage, which was presented to the Secretary's desk during yesterday afternoon's session, but upon which no action was taken, was presented by Mark P. Olney, and upon his motion was referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That the matter of payment of mileage and per diem for officers and committees of the General Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that they be instructed to report a moderate payment thereof.

MARK P. OLNEY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, from the Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows, and upon her own motion the report was adopted as read:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that a careful examination of the Proceedings of 1901 has been made, and we find that there is no cause for action on our part, as such action has been covered by the reports of the Committees to codify the Constitution and the Committee on Memorials.

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES,
MISS AZEELE E. CARUTHERS,
CHAS. A. NESBITT.

GREETINGS.

Letters of Greeting were ordered noted on the record, and are as follows:

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of California.

Mrs. Anna Dolbeer, Grand Matron of Idaho.

Mrs. Jennie Cassil, Past Grand Secretary of Texas.

Mrs. Alida M. Dunham, Grand Matron of Vermont.

Mrs. Nova J. Galbraith, Past Worthy Matron of Leahi Chapter No. 2, Hawaii.

L. M. Davis, Past Grand Patron of Oregon.

E. L. Ligget, Past Grand Patron of Idaho.

Harry Cassil, Past Grand Patron of Georgia.

TELEGRAM.

DETROIT, MICH., Sept. 20, 1904.

*To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:*

Please accept greeting from one hundred and fifty thousand members of *our* Order, many of whom "have seen His star in the East." It is a deep regret that I am unable to be present. May continued success attend all your efforts.

MRS. LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER,
Supreme Commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the
World.

Keystone Chapter No. 52, O. E. S., Detroit.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, of Indiana, presented the following resolution, which upon motion of S. Penrose Williams was referred to the Committee on Finance:

The great Fair, toward which all eyes have turned and to which many have journeyed is nearing its close. The keystone of this arch in this charmed locality is our O. E. S. headquarters in the Temple of Fraternity. With the close of this eventful celebration, the needs of this delightful spot will have ceased. We, therefore, desire to express our appreciation of the efforts made for its maintenance and comfort, and offer the following:

Resolved, That when the Fair shall close, the furnishings of our room in the Temple of Fraternity be given to the Missouri Masonic Home.

We trust this will meet the hearty approval of every member of this General Grand Chapter.

MAMIE CONRAD,
Past Grand Matron of Indiana.

INVITATION.

Miss Mary Jean White, Grand Matron of Missouri, extended an invitation to the General Grand Chapter to visit the Masonic Home of Missouri, located in St. Louis, which was enthusiastically accepted.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, made a report, and upon his own motion, Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of such report were considered separately and adopted unanimously:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Matron, would respectfully report:

We approve all the decisions of the M. W. Grand Matron, with the exception of the following:

No. 1. "Question No. 5—A Mason comes to our town and affiliates with the Blue Lodge and establishes a home, then sends for his wife in another State. Is she eligible to join our Chapter at once?

"Answer—She is eligible for membership at once, her husband having established her residence."

Your Committee on Jurisprudence are of the opinion that the husband cannot establish the residence of the wife in this matter, but that every petitioner must reside in the jurisdiction the required length of time prescribed by the laws of each Grand jurisdiction.

Provided, that in the matter of the Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, the same

time of residence shall be required as prescribed by the laws of the General Grand Chapter.

We therefore offer the following addition to Sec. 7, "Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter," and which, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 7. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be in writing, signed by at least two members of the Chapter, which petitions shall be presented at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a brother, for investigation, who shall report at the next regular meeting upon the applicants, unless further time be granted by the Chapter. No petition for the degrees shall be received from any person who has not resided in the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which said petition may be presented, the period of six months immediately preceding the application.

As to the decision of the M. W. Grand Matron:

No. 2. "Question No. 6—Is a negro eligible to membership in our Order?

"Answer—No."

Your Committee would respectfully report that the question is not one of color, but of the petitioner being a member of a lawfully constituted lodge. If a negro is a member of such a lodge, he is clothed with all the legal rights that our law requires. Whether or not he shall be received into our Order is a question to be settled by the ballot.

As to the decision of the M. W. Grand Matron:

No. 3. "Question No. 15—May the grand-daughter of a Mason be admitted?

"Answer—Yes, if she has been legally adopted."

In the opinion of your Committee, the question as stated should have been answered No.

No. 4. "Question No. 17—A lady whose husband has been dimitted that he may aid in organizing another lodge applies to our Chapter. Can we receive her petition?

"Answer—Better wait until the husband has joined the new lodge."

Your Committee are of the opinion that the answer should have been made to conform to the law governing the Order in regard to membership.

No. 5. "Question No. 26—May a Chapter appoint an Associate Patron?"

As to the appointment of an Associate Patron, the last decision of the M. W. Grand Matron (see page 26) we are compelled to report that we do not concur, for the reason that the number of officers of a Subordinate Chapter are governed by well established Ritual law.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed the following tellers:

Joseph W. Hill, Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon and Harris W. Huehl.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, A. C. Turton, Miss Laura J. Breckenridge and W. C. Wilson.

The "special order" of election was taken up, resulting as follows:

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

William F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.

William H. Norris, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Upon motion of Mark P. Olney, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 1904.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 1:30 o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the "special order" of election was resumed with the following result:

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, R. W. Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Rata A. Miller, R. W. Associate Grand Conductress.

FINANCE.

William H. Norris, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, and upon his own motion the same was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the report of Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon as Chairman of the special committee appointed to raise funds for the maintenance of O. E. S. headquarters in the Temple of Fraternity at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition would respectfully state that it has

had under advisement the subject matter referred to therein, and would recommend the adoption of the report.

This Committee would further state that in its opinion the thanks of this Grand Body are due, and upon the adoption of this report are hereby tendered to Mrs. Dillon and the associate members of her committee for the great work, having for its purpose a practical illustration and demonstration of the tenets of our beloved Order so successfully accomplished through their instrumentality.

W. H. NORRIS,
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

William H. Norris made further report, and upon his own motion the same was declared adopted :

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that it has carefully examined the books and accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of this General Grand Chapter, and compared the same with the original vouchers, warrants and receipts, entering into the several transactions itemized and reported therein.

The Members of this Committee are pleased to report that they find the finances of this General Grand Chapter to be in excellent condition, the books and accounts showing the same systematically and neatly kept, and the balances on hand as reported true and correct.

The net balance of cash as shown by the printed report now in your hands, amounting to \$9,556.41 is much greater than ever before reported to this Grand Body. This Committee is, therefore, pleased to commend the wise and forceful administration that has brought about such good results.

Your Committee would further report that acting under the direction of this General Grand Chapter, the Right Worthy

Grand Treasurer has placed in interest-bearing securities, the sum of \$3,500 of the funds belonging to this General Grand Chapter, and that in addition to the interest collected on the same as reported by the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, (\$122) there is interest earned on such securities but not yet due and collected, an additional sum of about \$100.

This Committee is especially impressed with the effectiveness and volume of the work accomplished by your Most Worthy Grand Matron during her triennial term of office, now drawing to a close. It is evident that she has given unsparingly of her time and talent for the betterment and upbuilding of our beloved Order. We can never repay her for the great good she has done. However, to partially recompense her for the sacrifices she has made and the strenuous labors she has put forth in our behalf,—though the same may have been looked upon as a labor of love—the Committee would recommend that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made to cover the three years of her effective service, and that in addition thereto, she be paid the sum of \$84, the amount of her expenses in attending this meeting of the General Grand Chapter, as provided by the Constitution.

This Committee would further recommend that an appropriation of \$200 be made in favor of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, in partial recognition of the valued services rendered by him during his term of office, and that in addition thereto, he be reimbursed for necessary expenses advanced, as fixed by the Constitution, in the sum of \$92.50.

The Committee would further recommend an appropriation of \$100 in favor of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, as a slight recognition of the careful and valued services she has rendered this Grand Body, during her present term of office.

W. H. NORRIS,
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

THANKS.

Upon motion of Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, thanks were extended Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Chairman of the World's Fair Committee, and also to Mrs. Nettie Ransford for the tablets she presented to the members of the General Grand Chapter.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the following and moved its adoption:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence concur in and recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, offered by Joseph W. Hill, to strike out all of Sec. 2, Art. IX, and the substitution of the following, which as amended shall read:

Sec. 2—The sum of four hundred dollars shall be allowed the Most Worthy Grand Matron as compensation for her services, and a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars for traveling and all other expenses of her office, of which a detailed statement shall be rendered. The sum of two hundred dollars shall be allowed the Most Worthy Grand Patron as compensation for his services, and a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for all other expenses of his office, of which a detailed statement shall be rendered. The compensation shall be paid semi-annually in advance and the expenses on proper vouchers as incurred.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH.

William F. Kuhn moved to amend by striking out the words "Four Hundred Dollars" and inserting the words "Six Hundred Dollars" for the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and striking out the words "Two Hundred Dollars" and inserting the words "Four Hundred Dollars" for the Most Worthy Patron.

The amendment was accepted by the committee.

The original motion as amended was then considered, voted upon and declared lost, the Constitution remaining as it is.

Henry L. Stillson presented further report:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the report of the Special Committee appointed at the Triennial Session in 1901 (page 163) have carefully considered the same, and would respectfully report as follows:

No. 1—We do *not* concur in proposal (a) of the report of said Committee, which reads:

(a) "Amend Sec. 4 of Art. II by striking out in the fourth line the words, 'and must be a member of such Grand Chapter.'"

No. 2—We do *not* concur in proposition (b) of the report of said Committee, which reads:

(b) Amend Art. XIII by striking out all of Sec. 4.

No. 3—We concur in and recommend the adoption of proposal (c) in the report of said Committee as herein amended, to read:

(Art. XVI) *Sixth*—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, their work, records and By-Laws, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and shall report the same to the General Grand Chapter.

No. 4—We concur in and recommend the adoption of proposition (d) amended to read:

Amend Art. III by inserting the following subject matter as Sec. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$:

Sec. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —All matter printed in the Ritual published by authority of the General Grand Chapter, under the head of Subordinate Chapters, on pages 4 and 5, and the Article under the head of Membership, on page 7; also any legislation or decisions of the General Grand Chapter shall be held as binding only on Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of this Body.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford moved the adoption of Nos. 1 and 2 of the Jurisprudence Committee's report, which was declared carried, leaving Art. II, Sec. 4, and Art. XII, Sec. 4 as they are.

Upon motion of Henry L. Stillson, No. 3 of the Jurisprudence Committee's report was declared adopted, and the Constitution, Art. XVI, clause sixth, was amended as proposed by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Henry L. Stillson moved to adopt No. 4 of the Jurisprudence Committee's report, which is as follows:

No. 4—We concur in and recommend the adoption of proposition (d), amended to read:

Amend Art. III by inserting the following subject matter as Sec. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$:

Sec. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —"All matter printed in the Ritual published by authority of the General Grand Chapter, under the head of

Subordinate Chapters, on pages 4 and 5, and the Article under the head of Membership, on page 7; also any legislation or decisions of the General Grand Chapter shall be held as binding only on Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of this Body."

No. 4 of the Jurisprudence Committee's report was declared lost, and proposition (d) from the report of the Committee on Constitution, which was referred to them and rewritten as above by the Committee on Jurisprudence as Sec. 4 1-2 was recommitted to the Special Committee on Constitution, which was continued, and instructed to report three years hence.

That Committee as announced is: Sterling M. Price, Joseph W. Hill and Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.

Henry L. Stillson made further report, which, upon his own motion, was declared adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence concur in and recommend the adoption of the resolution presented by Mrs. Icia F. Swartz, which reads as follows:

"I recommend that all members of the General Grand Chapter file credentials under the seal of their respective Grand Chapter (or Subordinate Chapter) with the Credential Committee; also that all proxies be under seal of respective Grand Chapter (or Subordinate Chapter).

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

Henry L. Stillson made further report, and upon motion of Mrs. Margaret Lutke, the same was declared adopted :

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence concur in and recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment to Sec. 1, Art. IV referred to it, with slight verbal changes, that, as amended, shall read :

Sec. 1.—The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year at such time and place as may be determined by a vote of the General Grand Chapter at its previous meeting,—the first five officers of the General Grand Chapter to change place of meeting in case of any extraordinary emergency.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

Henry L. Stillson made final report, and upon his own motion, the same was declared adopted :

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have many words of commendation and praise for the untiring zeal for the extension of the Order and work done by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, efficiently assisted by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for the good of the Order throughout our land. May the good work go on. It is as broad and as grand as the human mind can conceive.

Do not let the Order grow less, but ever continue under the beneficent rays of the bright and glorious "Star in the East."

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
MRS. EUDORA Z. PETTIGREW,
MRS. ALICE H. SMITH,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER.

All reports relative to amendments to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter which were declared adopted, were carried by the two-thirds vote required.

Upon motion of Willis D. Engle, the M. W. Grand Matron appointed the following Committee to decide upon the time and place of the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter:

Charles A. Nesbitt
John F. O'Neill
Mrs. Margaret Lutke.

FINANCE.

William H. Norris, from the Committee on Finance, read the following reports:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Finance is pleased to report that the system inaugurated by this Grand Body of requiring the investment of a part of its surplus funds in interest-bearing securities, has been productive of good results. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer has so invested such surplus to the amount of \$3,500.

After a careful estimate of the receipts and expenditures

of this Body for the ensuing triennial term, this Committee is of the opinion that the amount so to be invested can safely be increased to \$5,000, and would recommend that the adoption of this report shall be construed as a direction from this General Grand Chapter, by and with the aid, advice and consent of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to make such investments within six months from and after the adjournment of the present stated meeting of this Grand Body.

W. H. NORRIS,

MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,

MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

On motion of William F. Kuhn, the above report was adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully represent that Sister Evelyn Hart, at the instance and request of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, has been employed as stenographer and assistant to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary during the present session of this General Grand Chapter; that in the opinion of this Committee the services, so rendered on behalf of this Grand Body, are of the reasonable value of \$30. This Committee would, therefore, recommend that an appropriation be made in favor of Miss Evelyn Hart, for the services so rendered, in the amount of \$30.

Your Committee would further represent that Sister Jessie Inghram has rendered services in the matter of typewriting the reports of certain of the standing Committees, appointed by this General Grand Chapter; that the services so rendered were of the reasonable value of \$4.50. Therefore, the Committee recommends a further appropriation of \$4.50 in favor of Miss Jessie Inghram, to cover the services so rendered by her.

Your Committee would further recommend that an ap-

appropriation of \$20 be made in favor of Mr. Parks, the janitor of the Cathedral in which the sessions of this General Grand Chapter have been held, such appropriation to cover the services of the said Mr. Parks and his assistant in taking care of the Cathedral during the sessions of this General Grand Chapter.

On Motion of William F. Kuhn, the report was unanimously adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the subject contained in the resolution offered by Mark P. Olney relating to the matter of mileage and per diem, respectfully recommends that officers who have been regularly installed and members of all standing and special Committees notified of their appointment as such previous to the opening of this Convention, who are attending this session of the General Grand Chapter, be allowed mileage at the rate of two cents per mile one way; and per diem for a period not exceeding three days, at the rate of two dollars per day for the actual time in attendance upon the sessions of this General Grand Chapter.

Provided, that no person shall receive such mileage or per diem where provision is made or will be made for the payment of his or her expenses or any part thereof, by this Grand Body or the Grand Chapter of which such officer or member of Committee is a member.

And provided, further, that no mileage and per diem combined shall be allowed to any one person in excess of \$40, except as now constitutionally provided.

W. H. NORRIS,
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

On motion of William H. Norris, the report was adopted.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

The itemized bill of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, covering her necessary expenses as deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in organizing the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and including her necessary postage and traveling expenses in coming to this meeting of the General Grand Chapter, is in the hands of your Committee and has been carefully examined by the members thereof and found to be correct. This Committee would, therefore, recommend that said account, as stated by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, be approved and the balance of \$23.93 shown thereby to be due the Most Worthy Grand Matron, allowed and ordered paid.

W. H. NORRIS,
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

On motion of William F. Kuhn, the report was unanimously adopted.

THANKS.

On motion of A. C. McDaniel, the following resolution of Thanks was declared adopted by a rising vote:

Be it Resolved, 1st—That this General Grand Chapter extend its hearty thanks to the Grand Chapter of Missouri for so generously entertaining this Body.

2nd—That our sincere thanks also be extended to the Scottish Rite Masons of St. Louis for so kindly allowing us to use their Temple without cost.

MRS. AMELIA HUVELLE,
MRS. MINNIE H. MILLER.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Miss Mary Jean White, from the Special Committee, made the following report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your Special Committee, appointed to act upon recommendation No. 7 of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, beg to submit the following report:

We suggest that we see no impropriety in our federating with the National Council of Women, and approve the recommendation as made by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, provided it carries with it no financial responsibility.

MISS MARY JEAN WHITE,
MRS. INEZ V. CHISUM,
MRS. MARGARET LUTKE.

A. C. McDaniel moved the adoption of the report, but after much discussion, the report of the Committee was rejected.

GREETING TO GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Alcena Lamond presented the following, and upon motion of Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, the report was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee appointed to prepare resolution of thanks and congratulations to the Grand Chapter of Scotland present for your consideration the following:

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter extend Fraternal Greeting and Congratulations to the Grand Chapter,

Order of the Eastern Star of Scotland, and cordially welcome them among the constellations of the world; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter hereby convey to the Grand Chapter of Scotland their high appreciation of the kindness shown our Most Worthy Grand Matron in her sojourn among them, and it gives us much pleasure to emphasize what our Most Worthy Grand Matron has said regarding that noble Brother, R. S. Brown, in his efforts to advance the interests of our Order in his country.

When "Old Glory" and "Union Jack" have joined forces, success has resulted, and we feel that this link has cemented the already strong tie binding the two flags. We together can better practice the teaching of Burns, their Noble Bard, who says:

"Gently scan your Brother Man,
Still gentler Sister Woman."

MRS. ALCENA LAMOND, District of Columbia.

MRS. IDA MILLER, Wyoming,

CHARLES A. NESBITT, Virginia.

HONORARY MEMBER.

R. S. Brown of Scotland was made an Honorary Member of the General Grand Chapter by a unanimous rising vote, upon motion of William F. Kuhn.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Charles A. Nesbitt made the following report:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee, appointed to decide upon the time and place of meeting of the Twelfth Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, would respectfully recommend that

we accept the invitation from Indianapolis, and that the date of meeting be during the month of September, 1907.

CHARLES A. NESBITT,
MRS. MARGARET LUTKE,
JOHN F. O'NEILL.

Joseph W. Hill moved to adopt the recommendation of the Committee. William Hinsey moved to amend by striking out the word "Indianapolis" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Milwaukee," which was declared carried by a vote of 52 to 39.

FINANCE.

William H. Norris, from the Committee on Finance, presented his final report, and upon his own motion, it was declared adopted:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of
the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:*

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution of Sister Conrad, Past Grand Matron of Indiana, relative to the disposal of the things used in furnishing the O. E. S. Headquarters in the Temple of Fraternity, has had the same under advisement. The Committee is informed, by the report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, that on the first day of September, 1904, there was on hand in the fund raised for the maintenance of said Headquarters, a balance of \$1,486.50. In conversation with Sister Dillon, Chairman of the Committee having this matter in charge, she states that a considerable amount of this balance has been used in the maintenance of the Headquarters to this date. From the same source, this Committee has learned that the probable balance at the close of the Exposition will be about \$800.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this Grand Body

should be just before assuming to be generous. The fund raised for the maintenance of these headquarters was subscribed for a specific purpose and the members of this Committee are of the opinion that the money on hand at the close of the Exposition should be returned pro rata to the several Chapters and Grand Chapters contributing the same.

The Committee is also of the opinion that any property on hand at the close of the Exposition should be converted into money by the Committee having the matter in charge, and the proceeds derived from the sale of the same disposed of in a like manner.

The Committee is further of the opinion that as the fund raised for the maintenance of said Headquarters was subscribed under the direction and authority of the officers of this General Grand Chapter, an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures, including the matter of the sale of any property that may be on hand at the close of the Exposition, and the final disposition of the entire fund after all proper charges have been paid, should be made to this Grand Body at its next stated meeting.

In view of the foregoing opinions on the part of this Committee, which are presented to this General Grand Chapter as recommendations, your Committee would recommend that the resolution proposed by Sister Conrad be not adopted.

W. H. NORRIS,
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK.

INSTALLATION.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced her appointments, and the following officers were installed by Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, with Mrs. M. Alice Miller as Worthy Grand Marshal; Mrs. Rata A. Mills presenting Mrs. Miller for installation:

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

William F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

William H. Norris, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Worthy Grand Adah.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Worthy Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Worthy Grand Esther.

Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Worthy Grand Martha.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Worthy Grand Electa.

Mrs. Ida M. Brown, Worthy Grand Warder.

Mark P. Olney, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Mary R. Tubbs, Worthy Grand Organist.

PRESENTATIONS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron received the following gifts, accepting them in a most gracious and appreciative manner, replying to each in her own sweet way:

Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Past Grand Matron of Maryland, presented a handsome cut-glass bowl from Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore.

Mrs. Ollie W. Wardwell, Grand Matron of Oklahoma,

presented an immense bouquet of Tube roses, in behalf of her jurisdiction.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper presented an equally large number of White Carnations from the jurisdiction of Maine.

Mrs. Mary Scott Myers also presented White Carnations from Columbia Chapter, Oregon, where the Most Worthy Grand Matron holds honorary membership.

Mrs. Myers then surprised the Most Worthy Grand Matron by announcing a telegraph message stating that Roseburg Chapter No. 8, Roseburg, Oregon, where Mrs. Conkling holds membership, would send to her at Oklahoma City, Okla., a handsome cut-glass tea set, being an expression of thanks and appreciation for the honor that had been bestowed upon their sister.

Grateful and sincere thanks were returned to Roseburg Chapter for this expression of confidence and love so practically demonstrated by her own Chapter.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Past Grand Matron of Oregon, presented a set of solid silver spoons from the delegation of Oregon.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin presented a handsome gavel tied with the emblematic colors, from Mrs. Nova J. Galbraith of Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu, Hawaii, expressing the regrets of the sister at her enforced absence from the session.

Mrs. Mattie P. Barney, Past Grand Matron of Missouri, presented a sterling silver, gold lined Loving Cup, engraved as follows:

"William Frederick Kuhn, Kansas City, Mo., Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.,

September 21, 1904. Presented by Sisters and Brothers of Missouri."

All the officers installed were presented with beautiful flowers, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary borrowing from those who had been abundantly remembered to distribute to those who had not been previously provided for. Thus the closing hour of a most successful session of the General Grand Chapter was made complete by the sentiment of harmony, fraternity and good will which everywhere prevailed.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The following Officers and Members of Committees as provided for have been paid mileage and per diem of \$6.00 each during the session as follows:

		MILES	AMOUNT.
Madeleine B. Conkling,	Oklahoma City, Okla.....	541	\$16.82
Wm. F. Kuhn,	Kansas City, Mo.	283	11.66
Lorraine J. Pitkin,	Chicago, Ills.	284	11.68
H. A. Ercanbrack,	Anamosa, Iowa.	374	13.48
Ella S. Washburn,	Racine, Wis.	346	12.92
Helen E. C. Balmer,	Lansing, Mich.	495	15.90
A. C. McDaniel,	San Antonio, Tex.	934	24.68
M. Alice Miller,	El Reno, Okla.	587	17.34
Anna D. Stoffel,	Baltimore, Md.	935	24.70
Louise Mathews,	Omaha, Neb.	415	14.30
Mary Barry,	Denver, Colo.	916	24.32
Jane A. Dixon,	Jonesboro, Ark.	261	11.22
Helen C. Cole,	North Bennington, Vt.	1128	28.56
Edward M. Platt,	Winsted, Conn.	1204	30.08
Bertha M. Fordyce,	Susquehanna, Pa.	932	24.64
Sadie D. McGoldrick,	Coushatta, La.	706	20.12
Wm. H. Norris,	Manchester, Iowa.	361	13.22
H. L. Stillson,	Bennington, Vt.	1128	28.56
Mary C. Taylor,	Minneapolis, Minn.	575	17.50
Eudora Z. Pettigrew,	Sioux Falls, S. D... ..	577	17.54
Laura J. Breckenridge,	Lafayette, Ind.	234	10.68
Katie I. Thomas,	Dayton, Ky.	346	12.92
Della Bennett,	Sylvia, Kans.	533	16.66

Chas. A. Nesbitt,	Richmond, Va.	923	\$24.46
Louise Lyon Johnson,	Minneapolis, Minn.	575	17.50
Alcena Lamond,	Washington, D. C.	895	23.90
Alice H. Smith,	Cleveland, Ohio.	548	16.96
	Total		502.32

Note:— Through the kindness of Mr. George F. Lee, the Chicago Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, the above list of miles was made up by the rate-clerk, who is detailed for this particular work.

The Minutes of the day's sessions were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion were approved as read.

No further business appearing the General Grand Chapter closed its Eleventh Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting in Milwaukee, Wis., during the month of September, 1907.



MADELEINE B. CONKLING,
M. W. Grand Matron.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pitkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.



is of no General Grand Chapter

Land, National	22	82.0
Land, State	57	17.0
Land, National D. C.	80	8.0
Land, Other	14	0.0
Total	173	100.0

At the house of Mr. George E. Lee, the Chicago
 correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, the subject of millinery was made
 known to the author for his particular work.

As of the 1993 sessions were read by the court. Secondly, and more notably, the

John J. Jones, appearing before the General Grand Jury of the South Trinidad Session, to hold his court in Arica, Chile, during the month of July, 1907.



H. W. GARDNER.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,
M. H. Child Patron.

Notes:

Loisane J. Main

R. W. Good Society



Madeline Blakely

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T.

Most Worthy Grand Matron





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WILLIAM F. KUHN

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Most Worthy Grand Patron



In Memoriam.

CROSSING THE BAR.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out the bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

—TENNYSON.

In Memoriam.

TO THE MEMORY OF

Deceased Members

OF THE

Order Eastern Star

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

—

1901--1904

In Memoriam.

Mrs. S. Alice Cox

**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Conductress**

**General Grand Chapter
Order Eastern Star**

1886-1889

Past Grand Matron of Arkansas.

Died February 3, 1903.

In Memoriam.

W. K. DOBBINS

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Arkansas.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Fena Woods Ford

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

California.

Born at St. Johns, N. B., Nov. 1834.

Died at Vallejo, Cal., Apr. 14, 1902.

In Memoriam

Joseph Martin Lawrance

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
California.

Born in Green County, Ohio, May 21, 1837.

Died in Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3, 1902.

In Memoriam.

Dr. Thomas Flint

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

California.

Born at New Vineyard, Maine, May 13, 1824.

Died at San Justo Rancho, Cal., June 19, 1904.

In Memoriam.

George D. Greenfield

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Colorado.

Died at Butte, Mont., May 6, 1904.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE T. COOPER

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Colorado.

1904.

Died June 21, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Miss Julia A. Granniss

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut.

Died July 27, 1902.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM WALLACE LEE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut.

Died September 14, 1903.

In Memoriam.

SABERT M. CASEY

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Iowa.

Born in Sigourney, Iowa, Aug. 28, 1858.

Died in Ft. Madison, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1903.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary A. Hepler

**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Conductress.**

**General Grand Chapter
Order Eastern Star**

1878-1880.

Past Grand Matron of Kansas.

**Born in Warwick, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1831.
Died at Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 23, 1903.**

In Memoriam.

William Julien

Past Grand Patron of

Order Eastern Star
of
Kansas.

Born in Piqua, Ohio, Apr. 9, 1841.
Died at Olathe, Kan., Sept. 29, 1902.

In Memoriam.

Hadley Orison Hawes

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Maine.

Born in Augusta, Maine, Jan., 1847.
Died at Hallowell, Maine, Dec. 9, 1902.

In Memoriam.

Algernon M. Roak

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Maine.

Died at Auburn, Maine, Mar. 29, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary Olive Davis

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts.

Born in Worcester, Mass., Jan. 3, 1838.

Died in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 11, 1901.

In Memoriam.

JOHN P. LORING

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts.

Died in Charlestown, Mass., June 4, 1902.

In Memoriam.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts.

Born in Uxbridge, Mass., Sept. 5, 1831.

Died at Worcester, Mass., Nov. 21, 1902.

In Memoriam.

HENRY SPAVIN

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts.

Died at Revere, Mass., Dec. 11, 1902.

In Memoriam.

AMOS M. PARKER

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts.

Born in Princeton, Mass., Sept. 12, 1839.

Died in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 12, 1903.

In Memoriam.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER

Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1886-1889

Past Grand Patron

of

Michigan

Born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Apr. 20, 1841.

Died at Ann Arbor, Mich., Apr. 5, 1903.

In Memoriam.

BENJAMIN R. ROSE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Michigan.

Died at Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 12, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. M. Sue Black

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri.

Died April 21, 1903.

In Memoriam.

Reuben Barney

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri.

Died July 15, 1903.

In Memoriam.

ELIJAH H. PHELPS

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri.

Born in Hadlyme, Ct., Jan. 4, 1840.
Died in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Marion L. Wood

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Montana.

Born in Jay, Vt., Oct. 15, 1850.

Died in Townsend, Mont., Mar. 30, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Thomas G. Matthews

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
Montana.

Born in Boone County, Ill., Mar. 20, 1858.

Died in Miles City, Mont., Nov. 9, 1904.

In Memoriam.

William N. Nason

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Nebraska.

In Memoriam.

William E. Boone

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
New Jersey.

Born at Jersey City, New Jersey, Aug. 24, 1842.

Died at Jersey City, New Jersey, Oct. 27, 1901.

In Memoriam.

JOHN WOODHEAD

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
New Jersey.

Born at Holmfrith, Yorkshire, Eng., May 7, 1841.

Died at Newark, New Jersey, August 29, 1902.

In Memoriam.

JAMES MARTIN

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star
of
New Jersey.

Born December 31, 1848.

Died January 4, 1904.

In Memoriam.

FRANK L. TAYLOR

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Pennsylvania.

Died September 1, 1903.

In Memoriam.

ELISHA P. CLARKE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Rhode Island.

In Memoriam.

John M. Nye

**Past Grand Patron
of the**

Order Eastern Star

of

Rhode Island.

In Memoriam.

ANSON THOMAS RICE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Rhode Island.

Born December 27, 1855.

Died October 3, 1903.

In Memoriam.

ALBERT WELLS COE

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

South Dakota.

Born in Madison County, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1833.

Died in Deadwood, S. D., Sept. 5, 1904.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Ida I. Wing

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Vermont.

Died February 15, 1903.

In Memoriam.

A. A. HINMAN

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Wisconsin.

Died February 2, 1902.

Chapters

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven.
Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport.
Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, McComb City.
W. F. Cole Chapter No. 5, Water Valley.
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Okolona.
Rebecca Chapter No. 7, Oxford.
Durant Chapter No. 8, Durant.
Crystal Springs Chapter No. 9, Crystal Springs.
Magdelene Chapter No. 10, Nettleton.

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin.
Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson City.
Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno.
Martha Chapter No. 5, Wadsworth.
Silver State Chapter No. 6, Winnemucca.
Argenta Chapter No. 7, Virginia City.

Iphigenia Chapter No. 8, Eureka.
Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar.
Turquoise Chapter No. 10, Tonopah.
Ruth Chapter No. 11, Lovelock.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove.
Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 2, Ore Hill.
Potecasi Chapter No. 3, Potecasi.
Golden Rule Chapter No. 4, Pittsboro.
St. Mary's Chapter No. 5, Winton.
Signet Chapter No. 6, La Grange.
Tallcott Chapter No. 7, Washington.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vance Chapter No. 2, Vance.
Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg.
Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood.
Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree.
Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville.
Esther Chapter No. 7, Columbia.
Electric City Chapter No. 8, Anderson.
Ruth Chapter No. 9, Newberry.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.
Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City.
Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Ogden.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Hilo.

Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Mayon Chapter No. 1, Manila.

Grand Chapters

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ALABAMA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Hannah D. Chaffee, Montgomery.
Grand Patron, Henry A. Killen, Green Hill.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, 110 Salter St.,
Birmingham.

ARIZONA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah S. Martin, Globe.
Grand Patron, Anthony A. Johns, Prescott.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie H. Grosetta, 133 Penning-
ton St., Tucson.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice Brouse, Sheridan.
Grand Patron, W. C. Rodgers, Nashville.
Grand Secretary, Miss Carrie Hempstead, Masonic Tem-
ple, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Paulina W. Dohrmann, Stockton.
Grand Patron, Charles J. Willett, Pasadena.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kate J. Willats, 64 Flood Bldg.,
San Francisco.

COLORADO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Irene E. Hoffman, Lake City.
Grand Patron, John McCoach, Colorado City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, Box 1026, Colorado Springs.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary J. Silloway, Hartford.
Grand Patron, Milton C. Isbell, Ansonia.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins, 523 Winthrop Ave., New Haven.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nellie M. Landergren, Washington.
Grand Patron, Adolphus Gude, Anacostia.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rose A. Yost, 722 Whitney Ave.,
N. W., Washington.

FLORIDA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, Sanford.
Grand Patron, James A. Carnell, Ormond.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Cora H. Dittmar, Fort Pierce.

GEORGIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Hattie May Delkin, Atlanta.

Grand Patron, John C. Harman, Tennille.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Welch, Fitzgerald.

IDAHO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna Dolbeer, Pocatello.

Grand Patron, W. J. Jordan, Lewiston.

Grand Secretary, Miss Helen Coston, Boise.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate Aull Heath, Danville.

Grand Patron, Fred E. Glenn, St. Charles.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, 914 Warren Ave., Chicago.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie C. Banes, Metamora.

Grand Patron, William Conrad, Warsaw.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Windsor Block, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Bessie C. Sharpe, Purcell.

Grand Patron, Joseph G. Ralls, Atoka.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Fannie R. Sacra, Ardmore.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Fanny M. Sever, Stuart.

Grand Patron, P. J. Martin, Waterloo.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Katharine S. Hughes, Kansas City.
Grand Patron, John C. Fry, Larned.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Della Bennett, Sylvia.

KENTUCKY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Katie I. Thomas, Dayton.
Grand Patron, A. P. Gooding, Mayslick.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Josephine H. Tinder, 1316 West
Main St., Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Delia Walsdorf, New Orleans.
Grand Patron, Lee E. Robinson, Welsh.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sadie D. McGoldrick, Coushatta.

MAINE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Grace M. Ames, Gardiner.
Grand Patron, Malon Patterson, Solon.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.

MARYLAND.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Icia F. Swartz, Hagerstown.
Grand Patron, Frederick Megenhardt, Baltimore.
Grand Secretary, Robert M. Coombs, 400 N. Howard St.,
Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie E. Blodgett, South Fram-
ingham.
Grand Patron, Charles L. Young, Springfield.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Isadore Forbes, Jamaica Plain
Dist., 65 Montebello Road, Boston.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Margaret Moore, Bay City.
Grand Patron, Horace S. Maynard, Charlotte.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Minneapolis.
Grand Patron, H. L. Merrill, Hutchinson.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, 70 N. 15th St.,
Minneapolis.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Linda J. Sears, La Plata.
Grand Patron, Louis Moller, St. Louis.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, 3867 Page Ave.,
St. Louis.

MONTANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Julia P. Hammer, Butte.
Grand Patron, Joseph J. Hindson, Helena.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elva Boardman, Butte.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. Haggard, Nebraska City.
Grand Patron, Jesse Gridley, Cedar Bluffs.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Anna C. Simpson, 821 S. 20th St.,
Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nettie E. S. Parsons, Wolfboro.
Grand Patron, Albert H. Lamson, Elkins.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, 51 Islington St.,
Portsmouth.

NEW MEXICO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Inez V. Chisum, Roswell.

Grand Patron, James P. Chase, Socorro.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, 602 S. Arno St., Albuquerque.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eva Currie, Dickinson.

Grand Patron, John F. Selby, Hillsboro.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Florence M. Hoskins, Bismarck.

OHIO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jeannette S. May, Toledo.

Grand Patron, N. W. Dick, Columbus.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Marysville.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ollie M. Wardwell, Oklahoma City.

Grand Patron, Alfred G. Gray, Cheyenne.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ida M. Lewis, Tecumseh.

OREGON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Della L. Houston, Portland.

Grand Patron, O. P. Coshaw, Roseburg.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, The Dalles.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Matron, Miss Mary Saunders, Philadelphia.

Grand Patron, William A. Andorfer, Smetport.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Centre.

RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice M. Arnold, Woonsocket.
Grand Patron, Edward B. Smith, Pawtucket.
Grand Secretary, S. Penrose Williams, Freemasons' Hall,
Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Madison.
Grand Patron, Dr. A. J. Struble, Centerville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison.

TENNESSEE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nannie E. Barton, Orme.
Grand Patron, Albert S. Williams, Nashville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, 229 N. Summer
St., Nashville.

TEXAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Amelia Huvelle, Dallas.
Grand Patron, E. C. Canon, Waco.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Cassie C. Leonard, 700 Florence
St., Forth Worth.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alida M. Dunham, Barre.
Grand Patron, J. H. Mears, Enosburg Falls.
Grand Secretary, Henry L. Stillson, Bennington.

VIRGINIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie L. Huber, Richmond.
Grand Patron, Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond. Masonic
Temple.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Nesbitt, Masonic Temple,
Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna E. Waterhouse, Wheeling.
Grand Patron, William E. Krupp, Wheeling.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Dinger, 20 N. Front
St., Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice M. Bashford, Hudson.
Grand Patron, J. W. Watson, Fond du Lac.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Martha E. Stickney, Laramie.
Grand Patron, John H. Lott, Buffalo.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Inez M. Robinson, Cheyenne.

SCOTLAND.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Maggie J. Foulds, 13 Elmbank St.,
Glasgow.
Grand Patron, Alfred A. Murray, Gardner's Hall, Edin-
burgh.
Grand Secretary, Gilbert Gunn, 112 Bath St., Glasgow.

Grand Chapters

NOT CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Marie Hepp, Paterson.

Grand Patron, William F. Greer, Paterson.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Martin, 408 Graham Ave.,
Paterson.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Florence B. Beattie, Brooklyn.

Grand Patron, Joshua L. Thayer, Sherman.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Niner, 338 W. 51st St.,
New York.

WASHINGTON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. E. Belle Marcy, Montesano.

Grand Patron, W. R. Baker, Collville.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, 919 S. E. St.,
Tacoma.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

Which are Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Alabama.....	March 6, 1901.....	November.....	20	1,088
Arizona.....	November 15, 1900	November.....	12	680
Arkansas.....	October 2, 1876....	November.....	142	8,663
California.....	May 8, 1873.....	October.....	181	18,600
Colorado.....	June 6, 1892.....	September.....	59	4,824
Connecticut.....	August 11, 1874....	October.....	51	4,580
District of Columbia.	April 30, 1896....	January and June.	8	2,240
Florida.....	June 7, 1904.....	May.....	16	609
Georgia.....	February 21, 1901	May.....	18	1,112
Idaho.....	April 17, 1902.....	June.....	24	1,280
Illinois.....	November 6, 1875.	October.....	449	82,447
Indiana.....	May 6, 1874.....	April.....	252	17,800
Indian Territory.....	July 11, 1889.....	August.....	62	2,170
Iowa.....	July 30, 1878.....	October.....	343	21,610
Kansas.....	October 18, 1878..	May.....	216	18,907
Kentucky.....	June 10, 1903.....	October.....	28	1,200
Louisiana.....	October 4, 1900....	June.....	24	1,151
Maine.....	August 24, 1892....	May.....	112	9,096
Maryland.....	December 23, 1898.	January.....	18	1,502
Massachusetts.....	December 11, 1876	May.....	83	9,965
Michigan.....	October 31, 1867....	October.....	311	29,211
Minnesota.....	October 18, 1878..	May.....	161	10,757
Missouri.....	October 13, 1875..	October.....	241	14,160
Montana.....	September 25, 1890	September.....	33	2,225
Nebraska.....	June 22, 1875.....	May.....	147	8,229
New Hampshire.....	May 12, 1891.....	September.....	37	3,846
New Mexico.....	April 11, 1902.....	October.....	14	585
North Dakota.....	June 14, 1894.....	June.....	45	2,854
Ohio.....	July 28, 1889.....	October.....	188	11,587
Oklahoma Ter.....	February 14, 1902.	February.....	46	2,220
Oregon.....	October 3, 1889....	June.....	84	5,761
Pennsylvania.....	November 21, 1894.	May.....	30	2,239
Rhode Island.....	August 22, 1895....	October.....	8	1,198
South Dakota.....	July 10, 1889.....	June.....	74	4,262
Tennessee.....	October 18, 1900..	January.....	26	1,184
Texas.....	May 5, 1884.....	October.....	166	7,240
Vermont.....	November 12, 1873.	June.....	53	4,128
Virginia.....	June 22, 1904.....	February.....	14	522
West Virginia.....	June 28, 1904.....	October.....	10	558
Wisconsin.....	February 19, 1891.	February.....	147	9,711
Wyoming.....	September 14, 1898.	September.....	16	996
Scotland.....	August 20, 1904..	August.....	12	252
Gen. Grand Chapter.....	November 16, 1876.	September.....	45	2,283
Total.....			4,030	274,582

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

Which are not Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
New Jersey.....	July 18, 1870.....	September.....	22	1,700
New York.....	November 3, 1870.	October.....	288	20,850
Washington.....	June 12, 1889.....	October.....	73	5,664
Total.....			383	28,114

RECAPITULATION.

NOTE--Page 92, R. W. Grand Secretary's Report <i>preceding Rituals</i> , should read as follows:	
45 Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with membership of.....	2,283
3,967 Chapters in the 42 Grand Chapters which are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.....	272,299
383 Chapters in New Jersey, New York and Washington.....	28,114
4,415 Chapters, with a total membership of.....	302,696

Elective Officers of the General Grand Chapter since its Organization.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.		MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.	
1876 1876 1880 1883 1883 1883 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1891 1904	<p>Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Illinois.</p> <p>Mrs. Elmina Foley, Missouri.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p> <p>Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary A. Pitt, California.</p> <p>Mrs. Nettie Hunsford, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.</p> <p>Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.</p> <p>Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oklahoma Ter.</p>	<p>*Rev. John D. Vincell, Missouri.</p> <p>*Thomas M. Lamb, Massachusetts.</p> <p>*Willis Brown, Kansas.</p> <p>*Rollin C. Gaskill, California.</p> <p>*Jefferson S. Conover, Michigan.</p> <p>Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.</p> <p>James R. Donnell, Arkansas.</p> <p>H. Harrison Hinde, Michigan.</p> <p>Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota.</p> <p>I. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.</p> <p>William F. Kuhn, Missouri.</p>	
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.		RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.	
1876 1876 1880 1883 1883 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1891 1904	<p>Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p> <p>Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, California.</p> <p>*Mrs. Lucien Smith, New Jersey.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Moore, Nebraska.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.</p> <p>Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.</p> <p>Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oklahoma Ter.</p> <p>Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.</p>	<p>*Jeremiah E. Whitner, California.</p> <p>*Willis Brown, Kansas.</p> <p>*David B. Farrington, Michigan.</p> <p>*R. R. Rose, Michigan.</p> <p>Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.</p> <p>James R. Donnell, Arkansas.</p> <p>H. Harrison Hinde, Michigan.</p> <p>Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota.</p> <p>I. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.</p> <p>William F. Kuhn, Missouri.</p> <p>William H. Norris, Iowa.</p>	
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.		RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.	
1876 1876 1880 1883 1883 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1891 1904	<p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p>	<p>*John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.</p> <p>*John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.</p> <p>Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.</p> <p>John K. Parson, Missouri.</p> <p>Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.</p>	
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS.		RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS.	
1886 1888 1901 1904	<p>Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Montana.</p> <p>Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Oregon.</p> <p>Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.</p> <p>Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Oklahoma Ter.</p>	<p>Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.</p> <p>Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.</p> <p>Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Michigan.</p> <p>Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Pennsylvania.</p>	

*Deceased.

Constitution

OF THE

General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star

As Amended September, 1904

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be :

Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from

each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office, and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter, or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a state or territory where no Grand Chapter exists, which he or she represents.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in states or territories where less than five Chapters exist.

ARTICLE III.

ITS POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All

Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Most Worthy Grand Matron or the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall have power to decide all questions of Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 5. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 6. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work and Signet and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 7. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as may be determined by a vote of the General Grand Chapter at its previous meeting, the first five officers of the General Grand Chapter to change place of meeting in case of any extraordinary emergency.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand

Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, unless they shall have served as Grand Matron or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron or their

proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter, to form a new Chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess, which shall pay dues for the year in proportion to time organ-

ized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no Chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem*.

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters, and *shall* sign with the Most Worthy Grand Patron all circular letters authorizing the formation of Grand Chapters, also the notices of rec-

ognition, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

SEC. 2. The actual traveling expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, when on necessary official business or in attendance at the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid by this General Grand Chapter upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but shall not apply to the expenses of said officers in visiting the several Grand Chapters.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

First—To record all transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report, also of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Rituals, Signets, Blanks and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in some good reliable indemnifying company, the expense of said bond to be borne by the General Grand

Chapter, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in some good reliable indemnifying company, the expense of said bond to be borne by the General Grand Chapter, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron before the

transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules

and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and post-office addresses of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application; *provided*, no new Chapter shall be formed in any town where more than two Chapters exist, without the consent of a majority of all the Chapters in said town or city.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1 of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number of remaining members.

SEC. 4. All Chapters shall work under dispensation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron until fully organized, when the Deputy shall make a report of those who were present at the organization, whose names only shall appear upon the charter when inscribed by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE XVI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand

Chapter, the following Standing Committees, of three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Subordinate and Grand Chapter represented.

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which, in

their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, their work, records and by-laws, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and shall report the same to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

Rules of Order

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there is a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.* and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member

shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to each member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action, and in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

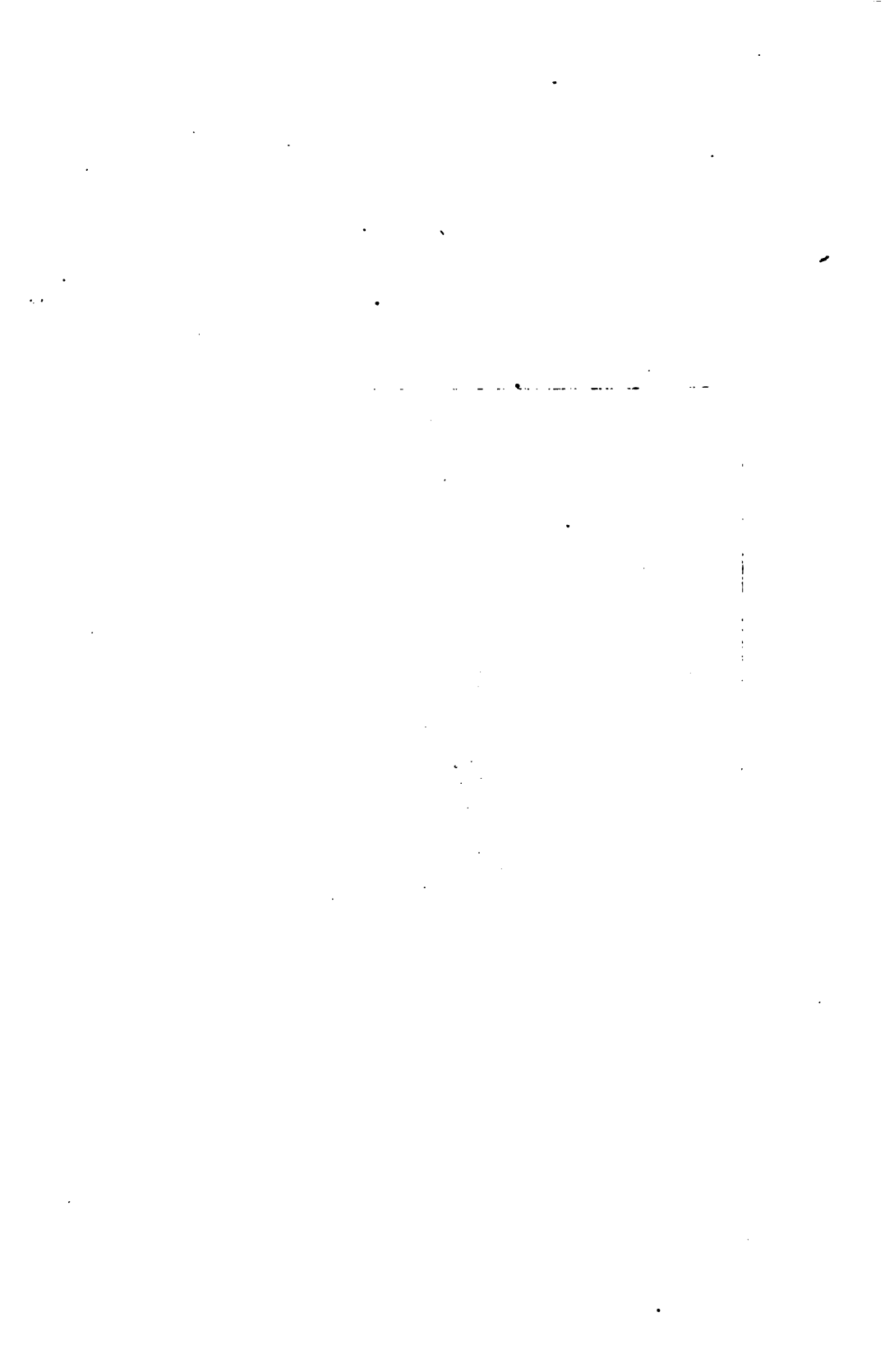
XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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**The next Session of the General Grand Chapter will convene in the
City of Milwaukee, Wis., some time during September,
1907. Date to be determined later, when due
notice will be given the Order at large.**

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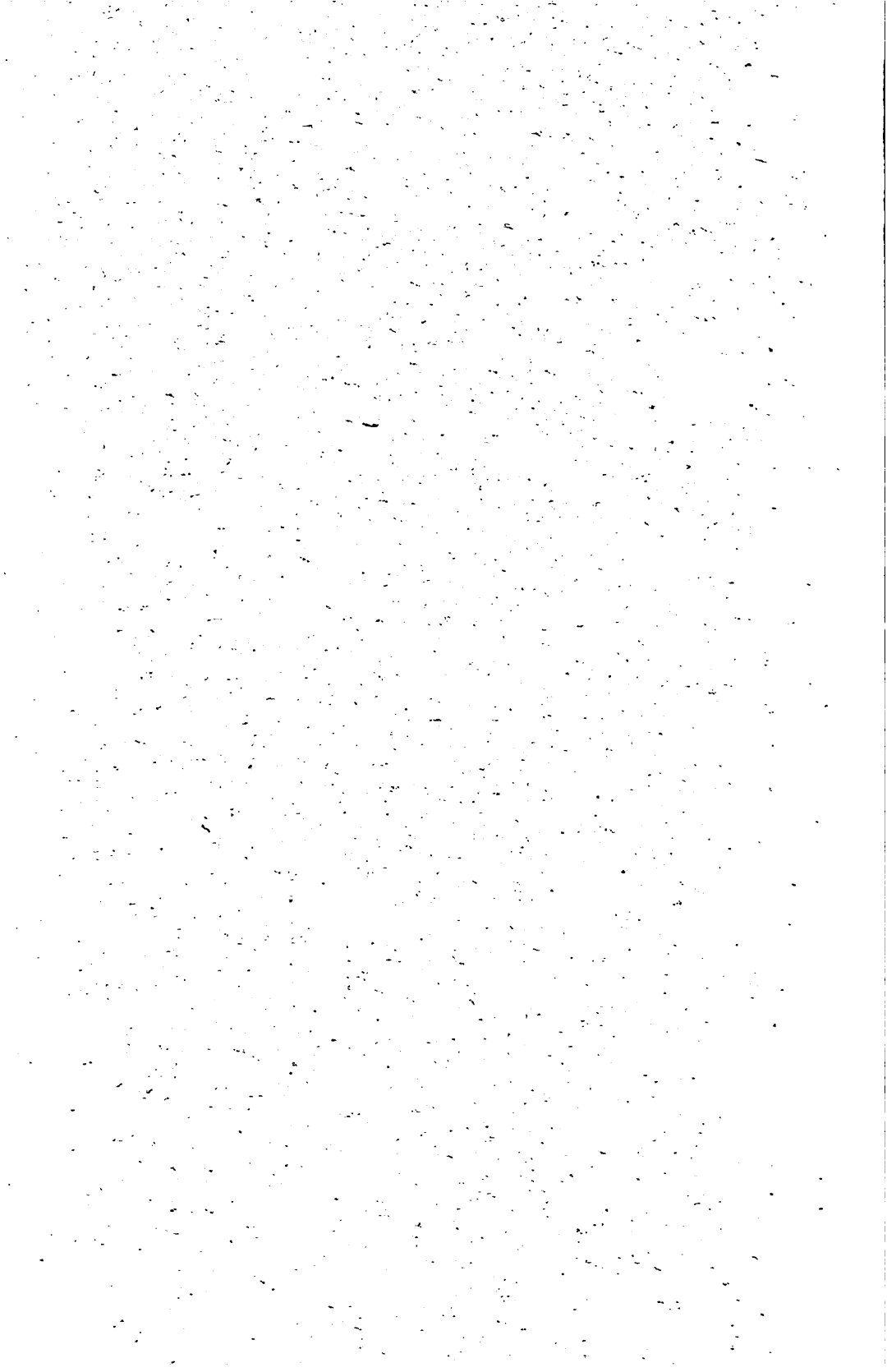


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Worthy Grand Patron.
- MRS. M. ALICE MILLER, Past Grand Matron, Indian Territory, El
Reno, Oklahoma, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
- WILLIS D. ENGLE, Past Grand Patron, Indianapolis, Indiana, Right
Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
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Worthy Grand Secretary.
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Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
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Worthy Grand Marshal.
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Worthy Grand Organist.
- MRS. ELLIE LINES CHAPIN, Past Grand Matron, Pine Meadow, Con-
necticut, Worthy Grand Adah.
- MRS. M. ELIZABETH LEACH, Past Grand Matron, Bar Harbor, Maine,
Worthy Grand Ruth.
- MRS. MINNIE H. MILLER, Past Grand Matron, Albuquerque, New
Mexico, Worthy Grand Esther.
- MRS. MARY P. OUZTS, Past Grand Matron, Greenwood, South Carolina,
Worthy Grand Martha.
- MRS. ELLEN J. TILTON, Past Grand Matron, Cheyenne, Wyoming,
Worthy Grand Electa.
- MRS. MARIE L. COFFIN, Past Grand Matron, Carson, Nevada, Worthy
Grand Warder.
- ELMER C. PATTERSON, Past Grand Patron, Marshall, Minnesota, Worthy
Grand Sentinel.
- GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Past Grand Patron, Sioux Falls,)
South Dakota,)
- JOSEPH G. RALLS, Past Grand Patron, Atoka, Indian) Trustees
Territory,)
- MRS. ALCENA LAMOND, Past Grand Matron, Washing-
ton, D. C.,)

ERRATA.

Address of Mrs. Ellen J. Tilton, Worthy Grand Electa, should be Bennett, Wyoming.

PROCEEDINGS.

The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, convened in Twelfth Triennial Assembly in Masonic Temple, City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, Wednesday morning, September 4, 1907, at ten o'clock, and was called to order by L. Cabell Williamson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, who instructed the Worthy Grand Marshal to invite the officers to enter the General Grand Chapter room.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

MRS. MADELEINE B. CONKLING, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
WILLIAM F. KUHN, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
MRS. ELLA S. WASBURN, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
WILLIAM H. NORRIS, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
MRS. M. ALICE MILLER, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
MRS. RATA A. MILLS, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
MRS. MARY SCOTT MYERS, Worthy Grand Chaplain.
MRS. MARGARET MEGENHARDT, Worthy Grand Marshal.
MR. W. F. BOWEN, as Worthy Grand Organist.
MRS. ANGIE L. WILLIAMSON, Worthy Grand Adah.
MRS. MAMIE CONRAD, Worthy Grand Ruth.
MRS. MARY R. INGRAM, as Worthy Grand Esther.
MRS. LOU A. OLMSTEAD, Worthy Grand Martha.
MRS. ANNIE L. TILTON, Worthy Grand Electa.
MRS. IDA M. BROWN, Worthy Grand Warder.
MARK P. OLNEY, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that credentials had been filed by a majority of the Grand Chapters.

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron, proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form, and by her instruction proclamation was made by the Worthy Grand Marshal that the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was duly open for the transaction of business.

The privileges of the gallery were extended to all who were properly vouched for.

It was ordered that the reading of the Minutes of the last Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter be dispensed with, as printed copies thereof had been distributed.

Upon invitation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons present were conducted to the East and received the Grand Honors; they were:

MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY.	MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.	MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.
MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.	MRS. HATTIE E. EWING.
MR. L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.	

GRAND MATRON'S WELCOME.

The following address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. HELEN W. MONAHAN, Grand Matron of Wisconsin:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter:

In behalf of the fourteen thousand Stars of Wisconsin, I extend our warmest greeting and heartiest welcome.

To us, this is one of the proudest days in the history of our beloved commonwealth, and busy Metropolis. On previous occasions, notable gatherings have met within our boundaries. Epoch marking history has been made and great events occurred, but never before have we had, and never again can we have greater honor bestowed upon us than now, when the

General Grand Chapter of the World, Order of the Eastern Star, the greatest women's organization on the globe, becomes our guest.

Reflect for a moment upon what this gathering is, and what it means. Sisters and Brothers may be welcomed here, not only from every state and territory of our Union, except one, but from continents and islands beyond the seas; from two hemispheres; from the tropics and the land of the midnight sun. Bound together by the golden links of love, animated by purposes lofty and aspirations high, each in her or his sphere following "Our Star" as it lights the way to that higher plane toward which the race has been toiling for centuries. A plane where the war of creeds will cease; the voice of selfishness be hushed; the contentions of unholy strife be forgotten. A plane where the people of each race and every clime will join hands as one great family, kneel at a common altar and offer a common prayer to God, the Father.

Great progress has already been made, but the journey is not ended, the final victory not yet won. Our pathway of progress stretches away into the night of superstition,—there are sloughs of doubt to be crossed and mountains of ignorance scaled, but with "Our Star" as a guide, armed with the sword of Truth, the shield of Charity and the armor of Loving Kindness, we can with confidence march onward, knowing that in the end the victory will be as great as the strife was fierce.

May "A Perfume from the realm of Wisdom wafted" be o'er you all, for there is a great work to be done, and because the representatives of such an Order have come with hearts attuned and willing hands to perform these labors of love, our greeting is most sincere, our welcome most cordial, and I am commissioned by Wisconsin Stars to assure you that we not only greet you as friends and welcome you as Stars, but pledge ourselves to extend to you every courtesy

within our power,—knowing that in thus honoring you, we greatly honor ourselves.

May you find Wisconsin's hospitality as fathomless as the sea, as boundless as the ocean. May your stay in our beautiful Milwaukee be pleasant and profitable. May peace and harmony prevail, and no unseemly strife mar our proceedings, and when this session of the General Grand Chapter closes and we have returned to our respective homes, may we each be able to think of it as one

“That bubbled up with jewel, and flung pearl
Where'er it touch'd, but drew not back again.”

Again I bid you welcome, thrice welcome.

RESPONSE.

The response to the welcome was made by Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin :

To me has been assigned the duty which is indeed a pleasure, to respond to your cordial words of greeting, and in behalf of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, officers and members of this General Grand Chapter I thank you. I thank you most sincerely, for I know the words spoken come from the bottom of your heart and that you sense the sentiment of every member of the Order in Wisconsin. Sisters and Brothers, it is a little bit hard for me to speak to-day, under the circumstances; I would like to say so much to Wisconsin, and at the same time greet Wisconsin's guests, and if at times it may appear as if I was almost personal I am sure you will pardon me. I know how untiring the members of Wisconsin Grand Chapter have been in their efforts to make us happy and comfortable. To invite one to sit at your table, to break

bread with you is an honor, to sit before your hearthstone is a privilege, and to-day, as we assemble around your hearthstone, as we break bread with you, the honor is mutual.

Our coming and our going will be to many like the ships that pass in the night, we shall exchange greetings and pass on, but leave an influence that will be felt by all whom we chance to meet. Ere this General Grand Chapter meets again some will have anchored their ship "safe within the harbor bar." Others will have covered the sea, spread the glad tidings of our work, and return to us bearing the sheaves from the harvest fields of love and duty.

"No stream from its source flows seaward, but what some land is gladdened; no star ever rose and set without influence somewhere."

Worthy Grand Matron, the Stars of Wisconsin have made many happy hearts, and their influence will now, as ever before, be felt only for good. We appreciate all you have done for us, but much more do we appreciate the true fraternal spirit which has actuated every loving thought, word, and deed.

I trust as we have come here to deliberate, and to plan the best methods of conducting the business of this General Grand Chapter, that we shall be governed by justice, with impartiality for all. That we shall remember the lesson we are first taught, to "Do unto others as we would that others should do unto us." That we shall be so happy, that our hearts shall be filled with such gladness through the influence sent out from these members of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, that when we go to our homes and look back in after years to this gathering, that the remembrance will be to each and every one here assembled, like leaves of lavender in stores of linen, for so does memory make life sweet.

Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, in behalf of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, her asso-

ciates and members of the General Grand Chapter, again I thank you, and bid you God speed.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Miss Mary Jean White.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Joseph G. Ralls, Mrs. Ada E. Gaskell, Harris W. Huehl.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Mrs. Estella G. Pomeroy.

Jurisprudence.—Henry L. Stillson, Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Mrs. Margaret Lutke.

Appeals and Grievances.—Mrs. Mary Barry, Mrs. Ellie Lines Chapin, Mr. L. M. Cook.

Charters.—Mrs. Annie C. Banes, George A. Pettigrew, Mrs. Elizabeth Salter.

GREETINGS.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read a letter from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which was ordered made a part of the record and published in the proceedings, as follows:

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND,
Edinburgh, August 3, 1907.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Grand Secretary, Order of the Eastern Star,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Pitkin:—I have received your circular of July 1st regarding a meeting of the General Grand Chapter of America on September 4th.

I regret that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting, but at the same time, I take the opportunity of conveying my best wishes to all the members of the Order on your side of the water,

and to say how happy I shall be, if, when an opportunity occurs, I may have the privilege of attending your meeting.

I am pleased to say that the Order in Britain is flourishing, especially in Scotland, and that we are greatly extending our membership and Chapters.

We have from time to time had the pleasure of welcoming members of the Order who happened to be visiting Scotland, and in every case it has been exceedingly gratifying to make their acquaintance and to show them such courtesy as we could.

With kind regards, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) MARY MURRAY,

Grand Matron.

The following greetings were also ordered noted on the record:

MR. JOHN FOULDS, Past Grand Patron of Scotland, who reported that the Order of the Eastern Star would be established in England and Ireland.

MRS. GEORGIANA V. POLHAMUS, Past Grand Matron, of California.

MRS. LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER and MISS BINA M. WEST, Port Huron, Michigan.

MRS. MAGGIE FOULDS, Past Grand Matron of Scotland.

The most Worthy Grand Matron explained the absence of Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, whose husband had but recently passed away, and expressed a wish that a message of sympathy be sent her at once. Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, seconded by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to send a message of loving sympathy to our sister who is now in deep sorrow.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following, which upon motion was adopted as far as read, and the Committee was granted further time in which to complete the report:

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:*

We, your Committee on Credentials, find there are representatives present from 43 Grand Chapters, and from one Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter as follows:

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
William F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
William H. Norris, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Worthy Grand Marshal.
Mr. W. F. Bowen, as Worthy Grand Organist.
Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Worthy Grand Adah.
Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Worthy Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Mary R. Inghram, as Worthy Grand Esther.
Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Worthy Grand Martha.
Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Worthy Grand Electa.
Mrs. Ida M. Brown, Worthy Grand Warder.
Mark P. Olney, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Elmira Foley,	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden,
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge,
Mrs. Nettie Ransford,	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

L. Cabell Williamson.

ALABAMA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

ARIZONA.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

ARKANSAS.

Miss Ella Leonard, Grand Matron.
W. B. Sexton, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Winnie Simpson, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jane A. Dixon, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Julia M. Gill, Past Grand Matron.
Miss Mollie Morgan, Past Grand Matron.
J. F. Hopkins, Past Grand Patron.
Mark P. Olney, Past Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA.

Casimir J. Wood, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Julia M. Cook, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Kate J. Willats, proxy for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Past Grand Patron.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Rosetta Brown, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Matron, Grand Patron, and Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Barry, Past Grand Matron.

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs. Lina H. Baldwin, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ida E. Davis, proxy for Grand Patron.
Frank Chapin, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Sawtelle, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ellie L. Chapin, Past Grand Matron.
Edward M. Platt, Past Grand Patron.
Edgar N. Baldwin, Past Grand Patron.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron.
L. Cabell Williamson, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.
Angus Lamond, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Elmira Foley, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Past Grand Matron.

FLORIDA.

Mrs. Nettie V. Turner, Grand Matron, and proxy for the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Orpha D. Bruce, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, Past Grand Matron.

GEORGIA.

Mrs. Senie M. Hubbard, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.

C. W. Hubbard, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

IDAHO.

Mrs. Jennie Randall, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Margaret J. Gagon, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Anna Dolbeer, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Jennie E. Bell, Grand Matron.

George J. Kurzenkabe, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mae McRae, Associate Grand Matron.

William H. Brydges, Associate Grand Patron.

~~Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Past Grand Matron.~~

Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sadie B. Morrison, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Lottie J. Wiley, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary H. Goddard, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary R. Inghram, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Kate Aull Heath, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Henrietta B. McGrath, Past Grand Matron.

Alexander G. Hug, Past Grand Patron.

Harris W. Huehl, Past Grand Patron.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Nelle L. Goodbar, Grand Matron.

Will W. Grow, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Pauline Summers, Associate Grand Matron.

Robert A. Woods, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Augusta V. Hunter, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Annie C. Banes, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Franc Finn, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Addie C. S. Engle, Past Grand Matron.
Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron.
Stephen M. Bennett, Past Grand Patron.
William Conrad, Past Grand Patron.
Earl H. Payne, Past Grand Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Miss Anna Sevier, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Eva A. Ralls, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Joseph G. Ralls, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

IOWA.

Mrs. Allena D. Ward, Grand Matron.
Hugh W. Hughes, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stewart, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ida Webster, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Maria Jackson, Past Grand Matron.
William H. Norris, Past Grand Patron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Reeder, Grand Matron.
C. W. Murphy, Grand Patron.
Mrs. May Crawford, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Anna M. Applegate, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lillian W. Gatch, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Katharine S. Hughes, Past Grand Matron.
Leslie M. Liepman, Past Grand Patron.

KENTUCKY.

Mrs. Sarah H. Terry, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.
A. P. Gooding, Past Grand Patron.

LOUISIANA.

Mrs. Anna E. Manhein, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

A. J. Manhein, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Penelope Mills, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sadie D. McGoldrick, Past Grand Matron.

MAINE.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Leach, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, proxy for the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

MARYLAND.

Mrs. Alice M. Metcalfe, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Emma C. Hellen, Past Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Emma Ocobock, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Franc E. Gardner, Associate Grand Matron.

James Fraser, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Margaret T. Moore, Past Grand Matron.

Allen S. Wright, Past Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Evelyn Yould, Grand Matron.

Elmer C. Patterson, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary T. Molyneaux, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Julia E. Moore, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Past Grand Matron.

MISSISSIPPI.

Mrs. Mattie Davis, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Anna L. Stewart, Grand Matron.

J. C. Faulkender, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ella J. Flanders, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

Miss Mary Jean White, Past Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Anna I. Goodrich, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Genevieve I. Wyatt, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Anna L. Smith, Past Grand Matron.

William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Estella G. Pomeroy, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Charles W. Pomeroy, Past Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Ellen E. Dobson, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen Stires, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Sue A. Pace, Past Grand Matron.

NEVADA.

Mrs. Marie L. Coffin, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

NEW MEXICO.

Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mrs. Gertie Woodbury, Grand Matron.

L. M. Cook, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

W. H. Woodbury, Associate Grand Patron.

OHIO.

Mrs. Sophronia I. Bolin, Grand Matron.
Dr. F. P. McVay, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Peck, Associate Grand Matron.
William A. Marietta, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Ada E. Gaskell, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jeannette S. May, Past Grand Matron.

OKLAHOMA.

Mrs. Mary Alverson, Grand Matron and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ida M. Lewis, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron.
Miss Kitty Lee Abercrombie, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Past Grand Matron.

OREGON.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron and Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Inez M. Ryan, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Past Grand Matron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jennie Wood, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Strachen, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Elbirda Lorena Orr, Past Grand Matron.
William H. Heselbarth, Past Grand Patron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Emogene H. Williams, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron.
S. Penrose Williams, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Grand Matron.
D. A. G. Ouzts, proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Durst, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Linnie P. Ketcham, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ida M. Bertschey, proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Belle S. Bell, Associate Grand Matron.
A. M. McCallister, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Anna Marston, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Past Grand Matron.
George A. Pettigrew, Past Grand Patron.
James B. Vaughan, Past Grand Patron.

TENNESSEE.

Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary R. Forbes, proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

VERMONT.

Mrs. Jessie L. Bigwood, Grand Matron.
H. L. Stillson, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Grand Patron
and Associate Grand Matron.
Miss Mae S. Smith, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Mary E. Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand
Matron and Associate Grand Matron.
E. W. Countiss, Grand Patron.
Charles A. Nesbitt, Past Grand Patron, and proxy for Associate
Grand Patron.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Emilie C. Mensing, Grand Matron, and proxy for Associate
Grand Matron.
Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, proxy for Grand Patron.
John Rex Thompson, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mellie W. Guernsey, Past Grand Matron.
James McCormack, Past Grand Patron.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Stephen Waterhouse, Jr., Grand Patron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Helen W. Monahan, Grand Matron.
Jesse C. Bradley, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mina B. Glasier, Associate Grand Matron.
Charles H. Moore, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Adency Irons, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary H. Martin, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Nellie M. Towner, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Little, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Helen M. Budd, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Alice M. Bashford, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jessie N. Luther, Past Grand Matron.
William A. Lawrence, Past Grand Patron.
William W. Perry, Past Grand Patron.
J. H. Evans, Past Grand Patron.
David H. Wright, Past Grand Patron.
W. F. Carle, Past Grand Patron.
Frank Johnson, Past Grand Patron.
Wm. A. Hinsey, Past Grand Patron.
Max W. Heck Past Grand Patron.

WYOMING.

Mrs. Ellen J. Tilton, Past Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Mrs. Margaret Howard, Worthy Matron of Lei Aloha Chapter, No. 3, Honolulu.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
MISS MARY JEAN WHITE,
MRS. ANNETTE H. HOOPER.

Upon motion of H. L. Stillson, it was ordered that all permanent members of this General Grand Chapter present be seated without credentials.

The representatives of the five Grand Chapters which have

been organized during this present term were conducted to the West, and upon request of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Mary C. Snedden extended the welcome to the following:

Mrs Marie L. Coffin, Grand Matron of Nevada.
Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Grand Matron of South Carolina.
Mr. D. A. G. Ouzts, of South Carolina.
W. H. Woodbury, Associate Grand Patron of North Carolina.
L. M. Cook, Past Grand Patron of North Carolina.
Mrs. Mattie Davis, Grand Matron of Mississippi.

Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts was requested to respond to the welcome, which she did in a most charming and becoming manner.

ADDRESS OF MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, MADELEINE B. CONKLING.

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—You have been welcomed, responded, etc., etc., and yet I am wondering if there be not some word left unsaid by which I can assure you of my personal pleasure in your attendance at this session. I have looked forward to this hour, with the happiest anticipation of again meeting so many of you, whom it has been my privilege to meet in your home Grand Chapters. So many of you, whom I have learned to respect and admire; so many of you whom I revere and esteem, and some of you whom I have learned to love.

I thank you for the help and inspiration you have been to me, for without your united assistance, my frail barque would have been tossed about, as a feather by the wind. If aught has been accomplished during the last three years, that will in

any way further the interest or future success of the Order, the credit is due to those of you who have so loyally stood by me in foul weather and fair, from the time when the gang-plank was hauled in; and farewells were spoken, until the strains of the joyous welcome reached our ears, and the grate of the keel was heard upon the shore.

A few times, it is true, the clouds hung low and heavy, the waves dashed high, the compass and chart were mislaid, and it seemed as though the great ship might be dashed against the rocks, but always there came a strong, experienced, trusty PILOT, who steered her safely into the open. But mostly the sky has been cloudless, the waters peaceful and calm, reflecting the splendors of the glorious sun, which never sets upon the lands where the Five Colored Banner of the Eastern Star has been unfurled.

The hours, days and years have been filled to overflowing; every moment of my time, every thought, every effort, every heart beat for the past three years, has been for the Eastern Star, but whether the log book will merit approval or not, is for you to say.

I bid you welcome, not to Milwaukee, whose hospitality you have already tested, not to the General Grand Chapter, where every moment of yours should be devoted to legislating for the progress and advancement of the Order which you so proudly represent; not to this beautiful Masonic Temple, which has been so generously tendered us free of charge, but just to my heart, and I earnestly ask your co-operation that we may make this the best Session ever held.

MEMORIAL.

To call the roll of the living, and hear the hearty, ringing response, is indeed a pleasant duty, but to call the roll of the missing, is a sad one. Let us pause upon the very threshold

of our work, and hold first a session of sacred solemn thought, in memory of those, who for years past have met with us; laboring here and in home circles for the establishing and upbuilding of our Order.

Some, when called from their earthly work into Heavenly rest, laid down strong and useful lives, but some, "Jaded by the harness, gladly threw it off, and sighed their breath away in sweet content, because they need not wear it more."

Twenty-three Grand Chapters have keenly felt the loss of fifty-nine Grand and Past Grand officers, while into the very heart's core of the General Grand Chapter, has death's messenger come five times, each time bearing away one of our loved members. Brother J. D. Vincil, the first Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Elizabeth Butler, the first Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary A. Flint, the fifth Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Nathaniel A. Gearhardt, the ninth Most Worthy Grand Patron, have finished their work on earth.

Thus the dearly beloved Pioneers, who blazed the way for you and me, are going from us, but the record of their work will stand as long as the Order lives, a monument to their zeal, ability, courage and love. Each of these sisters and brothers, had lived more than the allotted time of man, and their years had been filled with good work. Their sheaves of ripened grain had been gathered and stored in God's Eternal Warehouse of good deeds, leaving only the brown, broken stubble at their feet. Their going from us was like the setting of the sun, when the day's heat and toil are over, and weary nature sighs for rest and repose. But, when the messenger came for Sister Chester, it seemed more like the sun's eclipse, ere reaching the zenith. Her life was just budding forth in the fullness of its strength and usefulness, when without a moment's warning, she was taken from us. Her *seemingly* untimely death, was sincerely mourned throughout the Eastern

Star world. Those who knew her best, loved her most. Her conception of right and wrong was keen; her judgment good; her advice not only sought, but followed. She knew no clan or favoritism; she was jealous of none, and a friend to all who deserved friendship. Her loss seems irreparable, yet God in His wisdom took her, and who knows but that the rays from this loved Star of ours, will shine with more force and greater brilliancy from His Royal Diadem, than from its accustomed place. Today, her going is a mystery, but "when the mists have cleared away," we shall understand in the clear sunlight of that Immortal Day, the lesson designed by Providence.

The following have passed through the Gates Ajar since last we met, leaving only a sacred remembrance in the hearts of those who knew them.

Let us stand while the Right Worthy Grand Secretary calls the Roll of the Missing:

Alabama—

Brother J. Richard Peters, Grand Patron.

Arizona—

Sister Bessie H. Grossetta, Past Grand Matron.

Arkansas—

Sister Jennie B. Hopkins, Past Grand Matron., Grand Sec.

Brother John G. Holland, Past Grand Patron.

California—

Sister Mattie Ann Farnum, Past Grand Matron.

Sister Mary Ann Flint, Past Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Maria Akers Pierce, Past Grand Matron.

Sister Emily Rolfe, Past Grand Matron.

Connecticut—

Sister Mary J. Silloway, Past Grand Matron.

Sister Amelia E. L. Stebbins, Past Grand Matron, Grand Sec.

Brother George B. Whitney, Past Grand Patron.

Brother Wm. H. Pierpont, Past Grand Matron.

Colorado—

Sister Meta T. Alcorn, Grand Treasurer.
Brother Calvin Edgar Reed, Past Grand Patron.

District of Columbia—

Sister Josephine V. Shields, Grand Treasurer.

Illinois—

Sister Elizabeth Butler, Past Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Sister Mate L. Chester, Past Grand Matron, Grand Secretary.
Brother Daniel G. Burr, Past Grand Patron.

Indian Territory—

Brother John Rennie, Past Grand Patron.

Indiana—

Sister Mary A. Comstock, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Helen G. Macomber, Past Grand Matron.
Brother Wm. G. Burnett, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Henry G. Thayer, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Edward D. Palmer, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Fred. W. Fanning, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Edward J. Church, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Irwin B. Webber, Past Grand Patron.
Brother E. N. Wilkinson, Past Grand Patron.

Louisiana—

Brother John S. Alfred, Past Grand Patron.

Michigan—

Sister Mary A. Watrous, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Evaline L. Pendleton, Past Grand Matron.
Sister D. C. Purinton, Past Grand Matron.
Brother Lewis C. Goodrich, Past Grand Patron.

Massachusetts—

Brother Wm. A. Farnsworth, Past Grand Patron.

Minnesota—

Brother Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Past Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Brother David B. Schofield, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Charles Griswold, Past Grand Patron.

Missouri—

Brother John D. Vincil, Past Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Brother Wm. McCully, Past Grand Patron.
Brother E. H. Phelps, Past Grand Patron.

Brother Joseph S. Brown, Past Grand Patron.
Sister Mary J. Wash, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Mary S. Russell, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Mary Lyndes, Past Grand Matron.

Montana—

Sister Ada M. Aiken, Past Grand Matron.
Brother Cornelius Hedges, Past Grand Patron.

Nebraska—

Sister Mary Imhoff, Past Grand Matron.
Brother Robt. W. Furnas, Past Grand Patron.

New Hampshire—

Brother James H. Conner, Past Grand Patron.

North Dakota—

Brother Thomas M. Ritchie, Past Grand Patron.
Brother Leonard A. Rose, Past Grand Patron.

Ohio—

Sister Mary C. Mitchell, Past Grand Matron.
Brother John Blyth, Past Grand Patron.
Brother John M. Stull, Past Grand Patron.

South Dakota—

Sister A. M. McCallister, Past Grand Matron, Grand Secretary.
Brother Albert W. Coe, Past Grand Patron.

Vermont—

Sister Janet P. Blackmer, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Mary Lemmex Paine, Past Grand Matron.

Washington—

Sister Florence G. McLean, Past Grand Matron.
Sister Alice M. Taylor, Past Grand Matron.

Wisconsin—

Brother Fred Ring, Past Grand Patron.

Upon the graves of each some teardrops fell, and in the heart of many there is an aching void, while we, who seem to live, are only ripening for the grave. Gethsemane and Calvary must come to each of us, and then the "rock-hewn tomb," until the "Angel rolls from the grave the stone away."

As a silent, yet eloquent outward testimony of our loving remembrance of those whose names have just been read, let

us drape the Altar, and place thereon our tribute of flowers, which symbolizes our faith and belief "That humanity blossoms on earth, but the fruit is gathered in Heaven."

"Let us drape the Altar gently,
For the loved ones gone before;
They have crossed the silent river,
We shall see them here no more.

"Place a wreath upon the Altar,
It may fade and be no more;
But the loved ones have only wandered
To the bright Celestial shore.

"We shall see them in His likeness,
When we, too have passed beyond,
Hand in hand around God's Altar,
When our work on earth is done.

"Yes, let us drape the Altar gently,
For the loved ones who have gone,
Let us kneel in supplication,
As we say, 'Thy Will Be Done'."

OFFICIAL ACTS.

BONDS APPROVED.

Bonds for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Treasurer have been approved and filed three times; the last issue continuing in effect until April, 1908. They are herewith presented, to be turned over to my successor.

APPOINTMENTS.

1905, Sister Alcena Lamond, Special Deputy, to visit the Grand Chapters of Maryland and Scotland.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

As Special Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, W. F. Kuhn, I organized the following named Grand Chapters, approved their Constitutions, and signed with the Most Worthy Grand Patron the proclamation:

North Carolina,
South Carolina,
Mississippi,
Nevada,
Utah.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

As Special Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, W. F. Kuhn, I organized the following Subordinate Chapters:

Utah—Mizpah No. 5.
South Carolina—Palmetto No. 10.
North Carolina—Siler No. 9, Grace No. 10, Clay No. 11, Esther No. 12.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

In all waivers of jurisdiction, over material rightfully belonging to some Subordinate Chapter under the General Grand Chapter, the Chapters themselves have voted to waive their rights or not as they deemed best.

Waivers have been granted as follows:

To Echo Chapter No. 98, Brownville, Maine, over Simeon Benton and Martha Benton, his wife, Megantic, Quebec, Canada.

To Good Will Chapter No. 85, Ft. Fairfield, Maine, over Bessie M. Harold, Centerville, New Brunswick, Canada.

North Salem Chapter No. 276, North Salem, Indiana, over Mrs. Mollie Davis, Webb, Miss.

Lawn Chapter No. 527, Chicago, Ill., over John McNeil, of Canada (town not recorded).

Laredo Chapter, Texas, over Mrs. Sallie Wilcox and Mrs. Alice

Gillespie, both of Saltillo, Mexico, certificates of legal eligibility, Masonically, accompanying the request.

Fidelity Chapter No. 32, Holton, Maine, over

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| 1. J. F. Tilley. | 7. George E. Phillips. |
| 2. Hattie A. Gabel. | 8. Daniel W. Kyle. |
| 3. Harold L. Grant. | 9. George W. Gibson. |
| 4. John Allison Lindsay. | 10. Raymond M. Gabel. |
| 5. Janie Tillo Brewer. | 11. Lothe L. Kyle. |
| 6. Minnie L. Grant. | 12. Jennie V. Gibson. |

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Sterling M. Price, Committee on Revision of Constitution.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

- 1904—Hawaii No. 1, Hilo, T. H.
- 1905—Mayon No. 1, Manila, P. I.
 - Leahi No. 2, Honolulu, T. H.
 - Lois No. 8, Red Springs, N. C.
 - Lynds No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah. Amended.
 - Torquoise No. 10, Tonopah, Nevada.
 - Mt. Vernon No. 2, Orr Hill, N. C.
 - Argenta No. 7, Virginia City, Nevada.
 - Palmetto No. 10, Mullins, S. C.
 - Meridian No. 11, Meridian, Miss.
- 1906—Lei Aloha No. 3, Honolulu, T. H.
 - Mountain View No. 1, Olds, Alberta, Canada.
 - Cananea No. 1, Cananea, Mexico.
 - Adah No. 14, Laurens, S. C.
- 1907—Yukon No. 1, Dawson City, Canada.
 - Mayon No. 1, Manila, P. I., Amended Jan. 1.
 - Seneca No. 13, Seneca, S. C.
 - Mayon No. 1, Manila, P. I., Amended May 6.
 - Lei Aloha No. 3, Honolulu, T. H., Amended.
 - Ft. Mills No. 12, Ft. Mills, S. C.

By-Laws of Mizpah Chapter, Utah, and the several Chapters organized in North Carolina, were not approved, for the reason that a Convention to organize a Grand Chapter was immediately called, and I deemed it opportune for them to wait, and be governed by their own Grand Chapter Laws.

The By-Laws of Alaska Chapter No. 1, located at Nome, Alaska, have not reached me, for approval.

CHARTERS ARRESTED.

Unfortunate conditions arose in Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland, B. C., in December, 1904. Repeated attempts by both the Most Worthy Grand Patron and myself failed to adjust the trouble. I arranged to visit the Chapter in June, 1905, but owing to accidental poisoning while in Bellingham, Washington, I was unable to go farther at that time.

During my illness the trouble became of such disrupting proportions that the Most Worthy Grand Patron caused the arrest of the Charter. Immediately upon taking up my work again, I instructed the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Emma Fitzwilliams, to forward to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary all belongings of the Chapter. Not wishing to lose a Chapter in Canada, I decided to try again to visit the Chapter, and before the order could be executed by the Worthy Matron, I instructed her to hold supplies until further notice. June 18—19, 1907, was the second time set for a visit to this doomed Chapter, but owing to a cloudburst while in Black Hills, which washed out the railroads, and kept us penned in for several days, it was impossible to reach Rossland on time, and meantime I had received information that "part of the troublesome trouble" was out of the Province and would not return for several months, hence it was not only impossible but impracticable to go and try to satisfactorily settle a trouble with only half of it there. I then decided to renew the former instruction sent the Worthy Matron, directing her to send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary all supplies, informing her that Dimits would be granted all members whose dues were paid up to the time the Charter was arrested, or who would pay

their indebtedness to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, believing it better to dimit a few unworthy, than to deprive many worthy members of their rights and privileges.

The Worthy Matron has complied with my instructions, so far as practicable, to wit: the money was forwarded to me, and turned over to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The supplies are all packed ready to ship, but when I learned that they embraced a set of dishes, five small stands, a large floor cloth weighing 125 pounds when rolled, and all emblems, I deemed it best that the same be held by the Worthy Matron, subject to the decision of the General Grand Chapter.

Very recent information tends to show that the main trouble was of a Masonic nature; this being probable, I would suggest that this matter be turned over to the incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron for adjustment, as no one but a Mason can deal with the Masonic differences in Canada.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

For reasons stated, have granted the following Special Dispensations:

1904.

Martha No. 5. Wadsworth, Nevada, to remove to Sparks, said town of Wadsworth having ceased to exist.

To hold regular and special meetings, until meeting of the General Grand Chapter, or organization of Grand Chapter, to all Nevada Chapters, who had no charter, since being taken from California, and whose Special Dispensation, granted by Sister Hart, expired with the last session of the General Grand Chapter, as follows:

Electa No 2.	Austin.
Esther No. 3.	Carson City.
Adah No. 4.	Reno.
Martha No. 5.	Sparks.
Silver State No. 6.	Winnemucca.
Argenta No. 7.	Virginia City.

Iphigenia No. 8	Eureka.
Sabra No. 9	Delamar.
Turquoise No. 10	Tonopah.
Ruth No 11	Lovelock.

1905.

Argenta 7, Nevada, to reballot, the box having been found to be at fault.

Turquoise 10, Nevada, Elect and install Associate Matron, same having removed from jurisdiction.

Ruth 11, Nevada; and Esscon 11, South Carolina, elect and install Worthy, Matron and Associate Matron, both having left the jurisdiction.

1906.

Esscon 11, S. C., elect and install officers, severe storm having made it impossible to hold regular meeting at specified time.

Alpha 1, B. C., elect and install Associate Matron, same having left the Province.

Lei Aloha, Hawaii, elect and install Worthy Patron, he having died.

Crystal Springs, No. 9, Miss., elect and install officers, quorum not present at regular time.

1907.

Mountain View 1, Olds, Canada, elect and install Worthy Matron and Associate Matron, both removed from jurisdiction.

Palmetto 10, S. C., elect and install Worthy Patron, he having left jurisdiction.

Hawaii 1, T. H., change place of meeting from place to place, until the Masonic Temple was completed, following in each move the Masonic Bodies.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

Believing that no emergency can arise that will justify setting aside a law that was made to govern thousands, for the purpose of accommodating a few individuals, I have refused twelve requests for Special Dispensations, to receive and ballot the same evening.

For like reasons have refused eight requests to set aside the time of residence, believing that the outer door should be guarded with the utmost vigilance.

Refused four requests to elect Worthy Matron, believing that the Associate Matron must follow the duties assigned her in the Ritual. In each of the above instances, the Associate Matron did not wish to serve, because she would have the work to do, without the honors of the position.

Refused six requests to receive a Petition at Special Meeting and four to ballot at Special Meeting, the Petition having been received at a Regular Meeting, as I had no authority to set aside any Ritual provisions.

In this connection I wish to say, it is very hard to refuse applications for Special Dispensations, even though we know we should not grant them, for often they come from personal friends, some one whom you specially admire; for that reason, it would be indeed well if the General Grand Chapter, and all Grand Chapters, would so amend their Constitutions that the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Matron cannot set aside any stated law.

GERMAN RITUAL.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois, through her Grand Matron Kate Aull Heath, asked permission to have the Ritual translated into the German language, that they might organize a German Chapter in the city of Chicago, where many prominent German Masons, desired to form a Chapter.

After due consideration it was decided to grant this permission to Sister Heath, to have one literal translation made, in the German language, she assuring me that only one translation should be made, and that by a thorough German scholar. The Chapter was organized and is successful. The translation by August Torpe, is herewith submitted to you

for inspection; I trust this act will be approved, and that the Ritual will be ordered printed in the German language, as there are now several states desiring to organize German Chapters, and are waiting for the approval of this translation by the General Grand Chapter.

DATE OF MEETING.

Sisters Washburn, Pitkin and myself, met in Milwaukee, in February, 1907, at the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and as a majority of those upon whom fell the duty of setting the date of this session, after due consideration, decided upon the first week in September. The second week in September is the only week in which no Grand Chapter meets, and the second week is the National Convention of the W. R. C., to which many of our members are delegates, the second week was also impracticable, as it is the week of the state fair and races and we could not secure any hotel reservations. I immediately wrote the Grand Matrons of New Hampshire and Wyoming and explained the matter to them and have their gracious letters on file, saying that while they were disappointed, yet they fully understood. Both Grand Chapters are officially represented.

O. E. S. HEADQUARTERS—EXPOSITION.

Upon filing the Official Financial Report of Sister Sallie Dillon, Chairman of the St. Louis Order of the Eastern Star Headquarters Fund, with Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, there was found to exist a balance of more than one thousand dollars, which was immediately pro-rated by Sister Pitkin, ready to distribute to the various Grand Chapters, when there came from the Grand Chapter of Oregon a request that the General Grand Chapter give Oregon permission to ask for donations throughout the United

States for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Order of the Eastern Star Headquarters at Portland, Oregon, during the Lewis and Clark Exposition. After due consideration, it was decided by Brother Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and myself, to assume control of the proposed headquarters, making them National in effect. Personal letters were immediately sent to each Grand Matron, asking if she felt justified in turning over the "St. Louis Fund" balance to the credit of her Grand Chapter, to the Oregon Fund, and if she would be willing to co-operate towards making the proposed headquarters a success; also if she would allow circular letters asking for one cent donations, sent to each of her Subordinate Chapters, through her Grand Secretary. With very few exceptions, the Grand Matrons replied to all requests in the affirmative.

An Executive Board was chosen, to take full charge and control of the matter, as follows:

Margaret Lutke, Oregon, President.
Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts, Vice-President.
Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois, Secretary.
Nettie Ransford, Indiana,
Mary C. Snedden, Kansas,
Ida M. Lewis, Oklahoma,

Auditing Committee.

William F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron.,
Madeleine B. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron,
Acting Advisory.

It is unnecessary to burden my report with full detailed account of all preliminary arrangements, as Official Report from the Executive Board will be made direct to this body. Suffice it to say, a Code of Procedure, which was to govern the Board in all executive, financial and social matters, was carefully prepared and submitted to each member thereof, who accepted the trust assigned to them, knowing full well the conditions under which they were to work. The provisions

of said Code were carried out as nearly as possible, under the varied conditions that arose. Many obstacles arose, and sometimes the outlook was not encouraging, but with Sister Lutke at the head, a woman who does not know the meaning of the word fail, we succeeded in giving to the members of the Order more than we promised. We only promised a *room*, but we gave you a beautiful cottage of six rooms, with all the necessary equipment to make your visit there pleasant and restful.

I wish at this time to publicly thank the Sisters who served so faithfully and well upon this Board. I feel fully justified in now saying that the plans could not have been better executed, nor the details more thoroughly carried out, than they were.

All letters written by me, or received, relating to the establishing, maintaining and closing the said cottage are on file, ready to be turned over to the proper committee, if desired.

I submit to you a picture of the cottage, leaving the routine details to be reported by the proper persons, and trust that you will endorse the methods pursued, and commend the Sisters who faithfully executed them.



WASHINGTON GRAND CHAPTER.

In June, 1905, I visited the Grand Chapter of Washington, for the purpose of trying to prevail upon it to affiliate with the General Grand Chapter, from which it severed its fraternal relations some years since.

In no Grand Chapter has greater courtesy been shown me than was here extended, and while they did not see their way clear at that time to affiliate (and it may be there were a few aching hearts, mine among them), yet when this Grand Chapter at its session in 1906 came back into the General Grand Chapter of its own free will, there was sincere rejoicing among the "90 and 9" over the ONE returned.

VISITATIONS.

September, 1904, Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapters were located in ONLY FIVE States—Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Nevada and Utah, which I visited, as follows:

North Carolina—Mt. Vernon 2 and Lois 8, the only living Chapters in the State, at that time. Instituted four, and organized a Grand Chapter.

Utah—Lynds 1, Mountain View 2, Valley 3, and Queen Esther 4, being all of the Subordinate Chapters in the State. Instituted one, and organized the Grand Chapter.

Nevada—Esther 3, Adah 4, Martha 5, Silver State 6, Argentina 7, Iphigenia 8, Ruth 11, being all except two in the State. Organized a Grand Chapter.

South Carolina—Greenwood 4, Seneca 13, Adah 14, Ft. Mill 12, Esscon 11, Palmetto 10, being all in the State. Organized a Grand Chapter, the Baby Grand Chapter.

Mississippi—None. Organized a Grand Chapter. Although Mississippi seemed to have gotten on the Bad Books, they organized a Grand Chapter May, 1906, with ten chapters, and in First Annual Session, 1907, 40 Chapters were represented. Several have since been added.

It has been a special pleasure and privilege to visit, unofficially, 32 Subordinate Chapters under Grand Chapters.

GRAND CHAPTERS VISITED.

Have visited the following Grand Chapters:

Alabama,	Maine,	Oklahoma, (2)
Arkansas,	Maryland,	Oregon,
Colorado,	Massachusetts,	Pennsylvania,
Connecticut,	Michigan	South Carolina,
Florida,	Minnesota,	South Dakota,
Georgia,	Mississippi,	Tennessee,
Illinois,	Missouri, (2)	Utah,
Indiana, (2)	Nebraska,	Washington,
Indian Territory,	Nevada,	West Virginia,
Kansas,	North Carolina, (2)	Wisconsin,
Kentucky,	North Dakota,	Wyoming,
Louisiana,	Ohio,	

Special Meeting Grand Officers and Work exemplified in Connecticut and Maryland.

Also witnessed work by Council Bluffs Chapter, Iowa, being the official visit of the G. M., Sister Ward, making 36 states in which I have witnessed the Ritual work.

UNIFORMITY UNITY.

It was several months after the close of the last session of the General Grand Chapter, ere I could see my way clear to make my plans, or map out any line of work, which I could follow during my term of office. Chaos and confusion met me on every side; there seemed to be so much uncertainty in the air; there were no guide posts, telling me which road to take, and there was no way of ascertaining where the many roads would lead, or what difficulties I should find along the way. In fact, I felt like I imagine a sea captain would, if he were on strange waters, with charts and compass lost.

I was muchly advised, first by one "to do this," then by a second "not to do this" and finally one day, was kindly informed, that my platform, did not meet the approval of many of the prominent workers of the Order. This was the last straw, for at that time, sisters and brothers, I had formed no

plans, made no comments, performed no official duties. I had carefully read and re-read the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, from its organization, together with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and found that at one session, a law would be passed, at the next repealed; at another session resolutions would be offered to amend the Ritual, which would be lost at still another. I was confused.

The General Grand Chapter Constitution provides for the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in visiting Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, ONLY. But I was advised that Nevada and Utah, paid their dues promptly, were in good shape and did not need a visit. That both Sisters Ewing and Hart had visited the South, and found it impossible to revive the Chapters; that to visit Mississippi or South Carolina, would be simply throwing money away, that possibly some work might be done in North Carolina, but it would hardly pay to incur the expense of making such a long journey.

So you see, I had not even found a peg upon which to hang my hat, when I was informed my "platform" was wrong. I simply waited like a belated, befogged traveler, knowing not which way to turn, and I think I would have been standing there until now, if Indiana and Brother Kuhn had not come to my rescue. The former invited me to visit their Grand Chapter, as their guest, and Brother Kuhn, wished me to go into North Carolina and institute some Chapters. This was in February, 1905, between then and April I had made my own decision, as to what I would try to do, and have endeavored to the very best of my strength and ability, to carry out the plans then formed.

I found from the many letters received from the various Grand Matrons, that they were anxious to have uniform work in their Grand Chapters, and were willing to co-operate with me in bringing about general uniformity. Many desired me

to visit them, but could give me no assurance that my expenses would be paid. The Grand Chapters most needing and desiring visits, were those who could not afford to pay my expenses, as they were in debt, and did not even pay their own Grand Matrons' traveling expenses. After consulting Brother Kuhn, and several other prominent members, I decided to make as many official visits as possible, at the expense of the General Grand Chapter, firmly believing that such a procedure was necessary, and I trust the results will justify this course.

I hoped to visit every Subordinate Chapter under the General Grand Chapter, and every Grand Chapter, constituent thereto, and planned a schedule covering the ground with as little expense as possible. But my plans were shattered, first by the illness of my husband, and then by my own, which made it impossible to reach all.

I have witnessed the Ritual work in every Grand and Subordinate Chapter visited, except Washington, and have given to each such instructions as I deemed fitting according to my interpretation of the Ritual. I have striven to bring about uniformity of Ritual Work, as well as law, and have tried to establish between the Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, a feeling of confidence, thus uniting our interests and efforts into one harmonious whole, hoping to bring about results that could not otherwise be obtained, for only in UNITY is there STRENGTH.

In no instance have I attempted to infringe upon the rights of any Grand Chapter, neither do I wish to, I only wish to bring about uniformities of ceremonies and laws; establish unity of purpose, effort and object, and if possible create stronger faith in the General Grand Chapter. How well I have succeeded, except in the first instance, time alone will tell. I have tried,—I have done my best—sparing neither time nor health, to bring about the desired end.

Three years ago, there was a great diversity of Ritual Ceremonies. Sometimes, you would hardly recognize the work; today as far as I know, there are but few exceptions to *perfect uniformity*. Kansas and Texas continue to use the square and compass upon the open Bible, Wisconsin takes up a pass-word, and Indiana uses small culms of barley in giving Ruth's sign. I notice from proceedings that California and Illinois have their own individual floor work, in place of the established Diagram of the Labyrinth, and that Texas promulgated a special form of secret work for its use.

Many of the Grand Chapters in order to comply with my earnest request for uniform work, gave up many customs, some of which were very dear to them, from long association. But their sacrifice was the lever which started the ball rolling and kept it rolling to the end.

And while I appreciate all sacrifices thus made, and rejoice in the abundant success attending this effort toward united work, yet I respect the stand taken by the Grand Chapters that have not yet seen their way clear to help in this work, and feel assured that whenever this General Grand Chapter will come out boldly and interpret its own Ritual, every Grand Chapter will gladly fall into line.

From information received, I find that almost universally, the delegates who visit the General Grand Chapter for the first time, are disappointed that they do not witness exemplification of the Ritual Ceremonies.

The General Grand Chapters Officers have graciously consented, and for the first time since its organization in 1876, the General Grand Chapter tonight will exemplify its own Ritual Work.

This will afford an opportunity to officially interpret the Ritual Instructions, which to say the least are confusing, oftentimes misleading and certainly open to varied interpretations.

It depends upon you, sisters and brothers, individually, whether or not from now on we have uniformity of work, or whether we continue in the same old way. The work will be given you according to my individual understanding, not that I consider my way the right way, but because some person must stand as a target, and I wish to do it for the sake of establishing the right way, be that what it may.

EXTRA JUDICIAL ACTS AND RESULTS.

CONSTITUTION.

For several Triennial Terms, the Executive Officers of the General Grand Chapter have felt that its present Constitution was deficient in many particulars, especially that its character was not specific enough in regard to matters of detail. The statement of organic law of 1876, had become in 1907 too much of a skeleton, leaving the weightier matters of law and jurisprudence of the Order Eastern Star, to the individual opinion of the moment, and to the intelligence of whomsoever happened to be in office, both in the General Grand Chapter and Grand Chapters of its constituency.

This feeling of insufficiency has been found to be widespread, every thinking member in the order apparently giving it serious consideration. No one has felt the inadequacy of the Constitution more than your present Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron.

From a survey of action taken at Detroit, in 1901, in raising a Special Committee on Constitution, and its partial report in 1904, the subject having been referred back in part,

with directions to report at this Triennial session, it was found that the limitations of this committees' work ended with a partial revision of the present Constitution, and it was the consensus of opinion of several prominent members of the Order, that the said recorded privileges of this special committee were inadequate to afford the relief needed.

Therefore, a committee consisting of five representative members of the Order, from the East, West, South, North and Middle states, was officially appointed by me, with instructions to formulate an INSTRUMENT of ORGANIC LAW, that would meet the requirements of the Highest body of the Order Eastern Star, the sole source of the Ritual and its control.

Believing that by the appointment of this Special Committee better results would obtain than otherwise, because it is *sui-generis* rather than attempting to build on a tentative foundation, laid for another purpose.

The said committee are:

Mary C. Taylor, Minnesota, Chairman.
S. Penrose Williams, Rhode Island.
Oliver Lee McKay, Mississippi.
Mellie W. Guernsey, Washington.
Ellen J. Tilton, Wyoming.

A necessity exists, which very nearly approaches a positive mandate, that this General Grand Chapter, if it would continue to spread the Order of the Eastern Star throughout the world, must be clothed with sovereign powers, implied by its absolute ownership and possession of the Ritual of the said order. If the General Grand Chapter is to accomplish its destined mission, if it is to continue to spread the Order to Canada, and to other portions of the earth where regular Freemasonry exists, its powers must be stated, and not implied.

The form of Constitution chosen by this committee has been that of the United States, "The General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star", being paralleled to the general government of this free American people; the specified and constitutional autonomy of the several Grand Chapters (and such as may become constituent) answering to that of the states of this Republic, the best government upon which the sun has yet shone, but not inimical to the Constitutional governments of the British Empire, and others of the Old and New World.

The committee may not have been able to provide all the points in the high standard set up, but if you should find defects therein, it will be easy to build upon the sure foundation presented, and assuredly to the entire satisfaction of the whole Order.

With these preliminary statements, which I consider your just due, the PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS are submitted for your examination and approval, together with the report of the committee, and I would ask the reference of both to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that a report be made thereon at this session.

I have reason to be grateful to each member of this committee, and especially so to Sister Taylor, the chairman, who has so diligently, faithfully and intelligently labored to prepare this report, and I trust the Finance Committee will give to this special committee the same consideration given to other committees.

The report of the committee is hereto attached and made a part of this address.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order
of the Eastern Star:*

Your committee appointed to draft a form of Constitution, to meet the requirements of the Order, at this time, have endeavored to per-

form the duty, in such a way, it will merit your approval. The time granted us, Most Worthy Grand Matron, was of such extreme limitations that we do not feel that we have done either ourselves or the Order justice. While we feel fully justified in defending the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, forwarded to you, yet we are gladly open to any suggestions that will tend to strengthen the said instrument.

We submit the following for your consideration:

MARY C. TAYLOR,
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS,
OLIVER LEE MCKAY,
MELLIE W. GUERNSEY,
ELLEN J. TILTON.

[PROPOSED]

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.

PREAMBLE.

Declaration—Landmarks—Concordat with Scotland.

DECLARATION.

Sec. 1. On the fifteenth and sixteenth days of November, A. D. 1876, the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was legitimately organized by a Convention of delegates of independent Grand Chapters, and after the manner analogous to the General Government of the United States of America.

Ses. 2. This proceeding had become essential to the future of a system which already was dear to thousands of Freemasons and their families, by means of degrees known as the Eastern Star,—sometimes called "The Adoptive Rite of Freemasonry." With the origin of these degrees this declaration will not deal; suffice to place on record the fact that through various methods of propaganda, an Order had arisen that promised beneficence to the near female relatives of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, as well as to itself.

Sec. 3. The administrative part of the "Power and Authority" of the original Constitution having spread the Order of the Eastern Star to nearly all the States and Territories of the United States of America, establishing in each a regular Grand Chapter of the Order reaching out to jurisdictions beyond the bounds of the Nation of its birth, the second step of momentous import to the lasting welfare of the Order of the Eastern Star appears essential to its name: "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star." It has become necessary to place the Order on a basis whereon there shall be a common meeting place, through this General Body; a sovereignty of unity in essentials, a modicum of liberty in non-essentials and a

charity in all things permitted; that the General Grand Chapter may become as it ought the conservator of the Order of the Eastern Star,—its fountain head, so to speak,—that the Grand Chapters established in State, Province, or other civil subdivision, may enjoy the customs of the Freemasonry of which they are measurably auxiliary in beneficent endeavor; that the Chapters subordinate may be assured of security in Chartered rights, to the end that all these rights and benefits may be held in equity and for all time to come, it is ordained that the Landmarks, the Concordat with Scotland, and this Constitution are of perpetual obligation.

Sec. 4. Wherever it is stated, whether in Constitution, Ritual, Laws, Rules or Regulations, that eligibility for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, shall consist of "Master Masons in good standing, in a Masonic Lodge, and their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters, who have attained the age of eighteen years," it is also provided as of perpetual obligation that the "Masonic Lodge" referred to shall be a *regular* Lodge of *regular* Freemasonry, wheresoever dispersed."

It is further provided that there are no other or higher degrees known to the Order.

THE LANDMARKS.

1. A belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.
2. In the Order of the Eastern Star there are only five degrees, known as Adah, the daughter; Ruth, the widow; Esther, the wife; Martha, the sister; and Electa the Mother.
3. The name of the Order, the nature of the degrees and modes of recognition are unchangeable.
4. Its lessons are Scriptural, its teachings moral and its purposes beneficent.
5. Its obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain its secrets and are framed upon the principles that whatever benefits are due by Masons to the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of Masons reciprocal duties are due to the Brotherhood.
6. That the obligation of our Order, voluntarily assumed is perpetual, from the force of which there is no release.
7. The ballot for candidates, for the degrees or membership, must be unanimous, without debate, and kept inviolably secret.
8. The degrees cannot be conferred unless a brother in good standing shall preside. He may call upon the Worthy Matron to assist in conferring the degrees.
9. Every member is amenable to the laws of the Order and may be tried for offenses, either by the Chapter to which the mem-

ber belongs, or by the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the member resides.

10. The right of every member to appeal from the decision of a subordinate Chapter, to the Grand Chapter, or its executive head.

11. The right of every member to decide, from among eligible candidates, who shall be admitted to membership.

12. The right of every member to visit any regular Chapter unless lawful objection is made to such visitor.

CONCORDAT WITH SCOTLAND.

A. That all the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland here represented, or declaring their adherence hereto, shall be and are hereby united under one jurisdiction; and the representatives of such Chapters now present or adhering, not only bind themselves to sign this resolution in token of their acceptance thereof, but also bind and obligate themselves and the Chapters which they represent, to ratify and confirm the same and to support and further said procedure as may be requisite to carry this resolution into effect.

B. That the Body formed by this resolution shall be known at present as the "Grand Chapter of Scotland," but shall have supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over Great Britain, Ireland and the whole British dominions (excepting only those upon the Continent of America) and that a Supreme or General Grand Chapter of the British Empire shall be formed as soon as Chapters are instituted therein and it seems expedient to do so.

C. That the Constitution and the laws of the late existing Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland shall, with some slight alteration, be and are hereby adopted as the Constitution and Law of the Grand Chapter now formed.

D. That the Ritual to be used by all the Chapters under this Constitution shall be that now issued by the General Grand Chapter of America.

E. That this Grand Chapter as now constituted shall take over all Assets and Liabilities of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland.

F. That all Grand Office bearers and Past Grand Office-bearers of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland shall be and are hereby accorded Past Grand Rank and shall be entitled to all privileges and precedence thereto.

G. That the Office bearers of the Grand Chapter as now constituted be here and now nominated, elected and installed to hold office till January, 1906.

ALFRED A. MURRAY,
LAURA B. HART.

ADDENDUM.

H. That the General Grand Chapter of America whose Ritual we have adopted will exchange with the late Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland an official number (three) of said Ritual, in lieu of those the said Body have been using, the same to be furnished free of charge.

LAURA B. HART,

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

Note—This was ratified and confirmed by the General Grand Chapter, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, stipulating that the words "of America" in paragraphs "D" and "H" shall not be held on our part to be a waiver of the legal name of this Body, which is and must ever remain, "The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star"; and that it does not by this concordat release jurisdiction over any territory except as specified, which was unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Sec. 1. This organization shall be known by the name of "The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star."

ARTICLE II.

SEAL.

Sec. 1. The seal of the General Grand Chapter shall be a circle within a ring. The other edge of the ring shall be a series of dots; upon this ring there shall appear the words. "General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star." Within the circle there shall be a shield, divided into four parts; in the upper right corner of this shield there shall appear the Sun; in the lower right corner there shall appear a broken column; in the left upper corner there shall appear a sheaf of barley, and in the lower left corner there shall appear a cup. Within the shield there shall appear a smaller shield, in the center of which shall appear an open Bible. Above the larger shield there shall appear clasped hands and below the larger shield there shall appear the words, "Organized Nov. 16, 1876."

ARTICLE III.

POWERS.

Sec. 1. The General Grand Chapter shall be supreme in all matters pertaining to its own organization and work therein, and shall have

exclusive sovereignty over the Ritual and government of the Order prescribing;

Landmarks.

Obligation.

Degrees. (Opening and Closing Ceremonies for Grand and Subordinate Chapters.)

Installations.

Burial Services.

And all other matters pertaining to the Ritual of the Order, and shall provide the published copies thereof to all Grand Chapters, as further provided.

Sec. 2. It shall have authority to review all matters of dispute between Grand Chapters within its jurisdiction, and all questions of Eastern Star law and usage, when the same shall have been properly presented to it in accordance with provisions hereinafter provided; and the decisions of this General Grand Chapter on all such matters shall be final and binding upon all its subordinate jurisdictions.

Sec. 3. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction over all unorganized territory where no Grand Chapter exists, in accordance with the further provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall be divided into two classes; Representative members and members ex-officio.

Sec. 2. Representative members shall include the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, serving at the time of the Triennial Assembly, or their regularly appointed proxies (so appointed only in case of their inability to attend the Assembly in person) of all Grand Chapters that acknowledge the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, and one delegate or legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 3. Members ex-officio shall include all Past Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Worthy Grand Patrons, of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, provided no Grand or Subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to representation which shall be in arrears for dues.

Sec. 4. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter; with the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office and membership in the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 5. A proxy must be a member in good standing in some regularly Constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must have served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. Representative members are the only members who are entitled to appoint proxies to represent them at the Assemblies of this General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS AND THEIR TITLES.

Sec. 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be:

Matron.

Patron.

Associate Matron.

Associate Patron.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Conductress.

Associate Conductress.

All of whom shall be elected at the Triennial Session, and when installed shall serve until their successors are duly installed, Provided: That no one shall be eligible for these offices unless they shall have served as Worthy Grand Matron, or Worthy Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter within the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 2. The appointive officers shall be:

Chaplain.

Marshal.

Organist.

Adah.

Ruth.

Esther.

Martha.

Electa.

Warder.

Sentinel.

Sec. 3. The titles of the above officers shall be:

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Marshal.
Worthy Grand Organist.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Sec. 4. In addition to the above officers there shall be elected by ballot a board of Trustees, consisting of three, who will serve for a period of nine years, except at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, one shall be elected to serve for a period of three years, one for a period of six years, and one for a period of nine years.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. Immediately after her installation the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall fill by appointment from the permanent members of this General Chapter the following committee:

Jurisprudence, consisting of five members.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to preside at all Sessions of the General Grand Chapter with the assistance of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Sec. 2. She shall present a report at each Triennial Session, setting forth all her official acts during her term of office, and may recommend such legislation as she may deem to be for the good of the Order.

Sec. 3. During the interval between the Sessions she shall exercise all the executive powers of this General Grand Chapter, not otherwise

provided, and her decrees shall be in full force until the convening of this General Grand Chapter, when if passed upon and adopted they shall become law.

Sec. 4. She shall receive for her services such compensation as may be hereinafter provided.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to preside at all Sessions of the General Grand Chapter when called upon by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, to counsel and advise her upon all matters pertaining to the good of the Order.

Sec. 2. He shall make a written report to the General Grand Chapter reviewing the work of his term of office, and setting forth all unfinished business properly to be brought before this General Grand Chapter, and recommending such needed legislation as he may deem necessary.

Sec. 3. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may be hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron at all Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and in case of the death or disability of the said officer she shall assume all the duties of the office, and preside at the Sessions in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, to assist the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron in the performance of her duties, and shall aid the Most Worthy Grand Patron in such duties as he may assign to him, and in case of the death or disability of the Most Worthy Grand Patron he shall assume all the duties of that office.

ARTICLE IX.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

First—To keep a record of all transactions of the General Grand Chapter proper to be recorded and to incorporate the same under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter, governed by such other provisions as may hereinafter appear.

Second—To receive, properly file and safely keep all papers belonging to this General Grand Chapter, and to have present and in proper form all such as are to be considered or acted, upon, at each Session of the General Grand Chapter.

Third—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, and on or before the 20th of each month shall pay such sum as she may have collected over to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, taking her receipt therefor. If at any time prior to said date the money so collected shall amount to \$500.00 or more, she shall without delay pay the same over to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer. Failure to comply with the above provision shall make her personally responsible for any loss that may arise therefrom.

Fourth—To make a complete and detailed report at each Triennial Session of all receipts and expenditures of money during the time since last so reported; also of all other official acts. Such report shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees on or before August 15th preceding the Triennial Session.

Fifth—She shall conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter as directed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Sixth—She shall be the custodian of the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and shall see that the same is properly affixed to all decrees or instruments emanating from that Body.

Seventh—She shall act as the financial agent of the General Grand Chapter in the purchase and sale of Rituals, Blanks, Signets and such other articles as the General Grand Chapter furnishes to Grand Chapters.

Eighth—She shall make an Annual report to the Most Worthy Grand Matron on or before Aug. 1st., setting forth all receipts and disbursements for the year ending July 15th, and to the Trustees whenever they may require.

Ninth—She shall report to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron the names of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary of all chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, after the installation, or as soon as received.

Tenth—She shall give such bond as shall be required by the Board of Trustees.

Eleventh—She shall receive for such service such sum as may hereinafter be provided.

ARTICLE X.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and give her receipt therefor.

Sec. 2. She shall pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 3. She shall attend all Sessions of the General Grand Chapter and report at each stated Session a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter.

Sec. 4. She shall report the condition of the finances to the Most Worthy Grand Matron annually, for the year ending July 15th, and to the Trustees whenever they may require.

Sec. 5. Before entering upon the duties of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer she shall give such bonds as the Board of Trustees may require.

Sec. 6. She shall receive such compensation for her services as may hereinafter be provided.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to audit the books and accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; they shall designate and approve the bonds of all officers requiring the same as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws; shall determine the proper repositories of all moneys belonging to this General Grand Chapter and shall invest all moneys in excess of the actual expenses, or such sums as in their judgment would be expedient, in such National, State or County Bonds as they deem safest and best.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of such Board shall make a report at each Triennial Session, setting forth such investments as have been made, together with a statement of the financial condition of the General Grand Chapter, with such recommendations as the Board may consider to be for the best interests of the General Grand Chapter. They shall see that all Bonds or other securities are purchased in the name of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and that all interest bearing bonds or securities shall be turned over to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to collect the interest thereon.

ARTICLE XII.

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Jurisprudence Committee to act as advisory counsel to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and other officers, and this General Grand Chapter, on all matters referred to it involving questions relating to the Constitution and By-Laws of the same, and all questions of Eastern Star law and practice. They shall make a separate report on each and every question so submitted, setting forth the grounds for their conclusions or recommendations. Each question so reported shall be separately acted upon by this General Grand Chapter, whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 2. In like manner all decrees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered and reported upon for approval or reversal by this General Grand Chapter, whose decision alone shall give the same binding force.

All proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws or other questions involving Eastern Star practice shall be submitted and reported for final action. It shall be proper for them in reporting such alterations to recommend such changes in the wording as shall make the same conform or better serve the purpose intended therein, but any alteration or amendment shall be finally made only by vote of this General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The General Grand Chapter shall convene in general Session every third year, at such place as may be determined by the vote of this General Grand Chapter at its previous Session, the first five officers acting as a committee shall decide the month and change the place of meeting in case of emergency.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Sec. 2. Special Sessions may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, at such time and place as may be determined, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days notice thereof.

ARTICLE XIV.

VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

Sec. 1. Members ex-officio are entitled to one vote each.

Sec. 2. Representative members are entitled to one vote each and may have more in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV.

Sec. 1. Any Grand Chapter failing to comply with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, relating thereto, shall forfeit their right to representation in this General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL.

Sec. 1. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated Session, when, if approved by a two-thirds vote it shall lie over until the next stated Session, when if approved by two-thirds vote, they shall become law and be incorporated in the Ritual.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 1. All amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated Session, and be referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence. If passed by a majority vote it shall be laid over until the next stated Session, it shall then be acted upon and if adopted by a two-thirds vote, in all cases by ballot, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

Sec. 2. Any proposed amendment involving in any manner the relations of this General Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapters within its jurisdiction without having been regularly adopted as above, shall be referred to the several Grand Chapters, and when adopted by a majority of all such Grand Chapters, shall be declared adopted and binding upon all.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTION—WHEN, IN FORCE.

Sec. 1. This Constitution shall be in force on and after its adoption and all Constitutions previously enacted are hereby repealed.

Rules Governing the Organization of Subordinate Chapters in Unorganized States and Territories, Within the Jurisdiction of This General Grand Chapter.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First—In all unorganized territory the Most Worthy Grand Patron may call to his assistance a sufficient number of members of the Order in good standing, and confer the degrees of the Order upon the necessary number to organize a Chapter. In case of his inability to secure the necessary number of regular members, to confer the degrees, he may communicate the same to persons entitled to receive the degrees, and so perfect the organization. In case of the inability of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to perform this work in person, he may delegate his authority to a special Deputy, who may be either a sister or brother; provided in either case they must be members of the General Grand Chapter.

Second—After any Chapter shall have been organized as provided above, they shall continue to work under the provisions of the Dispensation granted to them by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, until such time as he or her deputy shall report the organization completed, with the names of the members present and participating in its organization, whose names only appear on the Charter when issued by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Third—Charter. Upon receipt by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the above report, together with a set of By-Laws adopted by the said Chapter, and approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, together with the sum of \$20 as prescribed by the laws of this General Grand Chapter, a Charter shall be issued to said Chapter.

Fourth—Ritual. All Chapters thus organized shall strictly conform to the provisions of the Ritual issued by this General Grand Chapter and shall pay strict obedience thereto.

Fifth—Chapters thus organized are entitled to one representative at all Sessions of this General Grand Chapter, such representative to be entitled to one vote on all questions which shall come before this General Grand Chapter for decision. Such representative shall be the Worthy Matron or her regularly appointed proxy.

Sixth—As necessary to this representation all Chapters organized as above, shall make Annual returns to the General Grand Chapter, on or before March 1st, for the year ending Dec. 31st, next preceding, except Chapters Chartered during recess, which Chapters shall

pay dues in proportion to the date of organization. Such report shall contain the names of the officers, the number initiated, affiliated, restored, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, together with Annual dues as provided by the By-Laws of this General Grand Chapter.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall examine such returns and note all delinquencies or illegal proceedings and report thereon.

Seventh—All Chapters must procure a seal within three months from the date of being Chartered, together with the necessary paraphernalia.

Eighth—The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall have supreme authority over all Chapters organized as above. She may convene the Chapter, preside therein, inspect its proceedings and require its conformity to the laws and usages of the Order. She may for cause suspend the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron or arrest the Charter, and such act shall remain in force until the session of this General Grand Chapter at which time she shall make a complete report setting forth the reasons for such action, and the same shall be referred to a special committee of three, styled Appeals and Grievances appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron at the said Session, who, after a thorough investigation of the facts in the case, shall report to this General Grand Chapter, whose action shall be final.

ORGANIZATION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

Sec. 1. Whenever there shall be five or more subordinate Chapters organized as above in any county, state, Province, Territory or other civil division, upon application the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Most Worthy Grand Matron shall issue a call for a Convention of said Chapters at which convention a Grand Chapter may be organized, officers elected and installed and such rules and regulations adopted for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of the General Grand Chapter.

When the organization shall have been completed the said Grand Chapter shall issue a declaration acknowledging allegiance to the "General Grand Chapter." It then becomes the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, to send out such proclamation to all Grand Chapters within its jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. All Grand Chapters within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Chapter shall issue a declaration acknowledging allegiance to the reports of its Subordinates for the year ending December 31st next, preceding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice addresses of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the

number initiated, affiliated, restored, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died; and the number of members remaining in all subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter failing to make an Annual report as prescribed above, and pay the contributions as prescribed by the By-Laws, for more than two years without giving satisfactory reason, shall at the discretion of this General Grand Chapter, forfeit its right to representation therein; and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies.

[PROPOSED]

**BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL GRAND
CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.**

SESSIONS.

Sec. 1. The Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter shall convene as prescribed by the Constitution, and shall open at ten o'clock A. M. and shall continue daily until all business shall have been transacted.

WHO TO PRESIDE.

Sec. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside assisted by the Most Worthy Grand Patron. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron shall preside; in her absence the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to preside.

QUORUM.

Sec. 3. Representatives of not less than a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be present to constitute a quorum.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 4. Thirty days previous to the Session, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following Committees of three members each, and such Committees shall serve until the close of the Session.

She shall appoint such other special Committees as may be necessary.

Credentials.

Distribution.

Charters.

Necrology.

Unfinished Business.

Appeals and Grievances.

Sec. 5. The above named Committees shall perform the following duties:

CREDENTIALS.

1. The Committee on Credentials shall report the names of each member and proxy present, with the name of the Grand Chapter which they represent.

DISTRIBUTION.

2. The Committee on Distribution to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall refer all matters contained therein to the proper Committees.

CHARTERS.

3. The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, organized since the previous Session, and the proceedings of Officers organizing the same, note all improper or unconstitutional proceedings and report the same, with their recommendations.

NECROLOGY.

4. The Committee on Necrology shall prepare proper memorials of deceased sisters and brothers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of proceedings of the previous session, and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

6. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, and to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they deem proper.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 6. 1. The election of officers shall be held at ten o'clock on the second day of the session, but the installation of the same shall not take place until all other business shall have been transacted.

2. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election.
3. No person who is not a permanent member of this General Grand Chapter shall be eligible to office therein.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

Sec. 7. Vacancies in office that may occur during the interval between the Sessions (except in the first two) may be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron; provided, that the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall fill any vacancy in the office of a brother.

Sec. 8. Vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees, during the last year previous to the Triennial Session, shall be left vacant until the regular election.

VOTING.

Sec. 9. 1. All voting in this General Grand Chapter except the election of officers, and the adoption of Amendments to the Constitution shall be by show of hands; provided, a roll of representatives may be called by the representation of five Grand Chapters.

2. No representative member or proxy or ex-officio member shall be entitled to a vote until duly certified credentials have been filed with the proper committee.

3. The proxy of a Worthy Grand Patron must be a brother.

REVENUE.

Sec. 10. The Revenue of this General Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

First—For Charters granted Chapters as heretofore provided, which sum shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet, \$20.

Second—From Annual dues of Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction for all members in good standing December 31st, twenty-five cents each.

Third—For all members of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction in good standing, as per annual report, a contribution of one cent each.

Fourth—From profits on investment and deposits of funds.

Fifth—From the sale of Rituals and Supplies.

MILEAGE.

Sec. 11. The officers of the General Grand Chapter and members of special and standing committees, shall be paid mileage at the rate of two cents one way, and per diem for a period not exceeding three days at the rate of Two Dollars per day for actual attendance upon the session of this General Grand Chapter; provided, that no

person shall receive mileage in more than one capacity, nor where provision is made or will be made for the payment of his or her expenses or any part thereof by the Grand Chapter, of which such officer or member of Committee is a member, provided further, that no mileage or per diem combined shall be allowed to any one person in excess of Fifty dollars.

COMPENSATION—MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

Sec. 12. 1. The board of trustees shall recommend such sum at each session of the General Grand Chapter, for the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as they shall deem sufficient, which sum, if approved by this General Grand Chapter, shall be set aside to her credit on the books of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, out of which she shall reimburse herself, by warrant, for the necessary expenses in the performances of her duties, and to make such visits to Grand and Subordinate Chapters as in her best judgment shall be for the good of the order; provided, that such visits shall not exceed the sum so appropriated.

She shall receive for her services at the close of her term of office the sum of one thousand dollars.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall receive upon presenting the proper vouchers, the necessary expenses in the discharge of his official duties, as prescribed by the Constitution.

At the close of his term of office he shall receive for his services the sum of two hundred dollars.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive for her services the sum of twelve hundred dollars per year, which sum shall include all office expenses, such as clerk hire, office rent, telephone and fixtures.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive for her services at the close of her term of office, the sum of \$100.

HOMES.

5. To all Jurisdictions which are a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter in good standing, upon the completion of a "Home" shall be paid the sum of \$1,000.00, the same to be set aside as an "Endowment Fund," and to all Jurisdictions whose "Home" is already

established, the same sum, providing, that the General Grand Chapter shall begin with the oldest Home established and pay each one according to date of establishment of same, at such time as shall be recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by this General Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 13. All amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted in writing on the first day of the session, and referred to and reported upon, by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when if adopted by a majority vote they shall become a part of the By-Laws.

WHEN IN FORCE.

Sec. 14. These By-Laws shall be in force on and after their adoption, and all By-Laws previously enacted and not in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws are hereby repealed.

RULES OF ORDER.

For Conducting the Business of the General Grand Chapter.

1. At a stated session of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at ten o'clock a. m., and if there is a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the officers are in their stations, fill vacancies pro tem., and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

2. After the session is open, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum that the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without the permission of the presiding officer.

3. The business of the General Chapter shall be disposed of as follows:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Filling vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Report of Standing Committees.
9. Report of Special Committees.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Officers.

4. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

5. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

6. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

7. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer, or of the General Grand Chapter.

8. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Board of Trustees.

9. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to close, shall be decided without debate.

10. All motions shall be seconded, and stated, by the presiding officer, before they shall be open for debate or action, and in filling blanks, the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise provided for.

11. Any member persisting in the violations of these rules of Order after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the sessions of the General Grand Chapter.

12. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

13. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated session by a two-thirds vote, but this shall not be held to prohibit "Special Orders" of Business.

DECISIONS.

In Book of Decisions, there is recorded over five hundred questions, but with the following exceptions the answers have been made by reference to the laws, or former decisions:

LAW.

Question 1: Is the wife of a Master Mason, belonging in Mexico, eligible?

Ans.: No. (This was just NO, because I could not see where to draw the line on recognized and unrecognized Masons of Mexico.)

Question 2: Can we elect as Secretary of our Chapter a person not yet a member?

Ans.: No.

Question 3: Can members from New York visit our Chapters?

Ans.: Yes, provided that all brothers hailing from New York MUST be members of some Chapter in said State.

Question 4: Can a Grand Matron grant Special Dispensation to receive and ballot on petition, at a called meeting.

Ans.: No. All petitions must be received at a regular meeting, and balloted on at regular meeting, in compliance with Ritual Instructions.

Question 5: What course shall be pursued to rid a Chapter of members who are found to be Clandestine Masons?

Ans.: Strike their names from the membership roll, as Masonically, ineligible. (A detailed account of this matter is submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee.)

Question 6: Would it be allowable to have photograph taken of the correct movements of the several signs, and given to the W. M. for guidance?

Ans.: No.

Question 7: What is the voting sign of the Order of the Eastern Star?

Ans.: Uplifting of the right hand.

Question 8: A Mason who has lived in the jurisdiction all of his life, has recently married a lady from another State. Is she eligible to petition our Chapter at once?

Ans.: No. She must gain her individual residence by actual residence.

RITUAL.

Question 1: Do you take up a PASS WORD during the Opening of a Chapter?

Ans.: No.

Question 2: In voting, do you salute the Bible, or the Worthy Matron?

Ans.: Neither. The sign is given, with the eyes upon the Bible, as public renewal of our obligation, reminding us to vote for the good of the order.

Question 3: Does the Worthy Matron step down from her station to shake hands with the Candidate, during the closing of her last address?

Ans.: No.

Question 4: Does Ruth, in giving her sign, hold in her hands "whisps of barley."

Ans.: No.

Question 5.: Who destroys the ballot?

Ans.: The Worthy Matron.

Question 6: Does Adah use the veil in giving her sign?

Ans.: Yes. (Later I found where a decision had been rendered upon this directly opposite.)

Question 7. Can the Grand Chapter fix the price of rituals they are using in its jurisdiction?

A. Yes, a Grand Chapter may sell it to its subordinate chapters at any price fixed by the Grand Chapter itself.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It would be impracticable to give here an itemized account of expenses during the last three years, but any one desiring to examine such, can do so by applying to the Finance committee, who have in their possession, complete itemized yearly statements, with vouchers for all disbursements. Herewith submit to you statement by years:

1904

Postage,	\$	25.00	
Stationery,		12.65	
Telegrams, .....		.60	
Miscellaneous,		5.50	
Traveling Expenses,		49.90	\$ 93.65

1905

Postage,	\$	64.90	
Telegrams,		16.75	
Miscellaneous,		27.90	
Stationery,		5.25	
Traveling Expenses,		537.58	\$ 652.38

1906

Postage,.....	\$ 78.10	
Telegrams,.....	12.65	
Miscellaneous,.....	7.80	
Stationery,.....	5.45	
Traveling Expenses,.....	337.56	\$ 441.50

1907

Postage,.....	\$ 75.75	
Telegrams,.....	19.69	
Miscellaneous,.....	1.75	
Stationery,.....	4.35	
Traveling Expenses,.....	456.37	\$ 557.91

\$1745.44

DRS.

General Grand Chapter Warrants,

568,	\$ 20.00
573,	100.00
594,	100.00
595,	200.00
616,	200.00
618,	200.00
622,	103.33
636,	300.00
646,	300.00

\$1521.33

Grand Chapter Donations.

Indiana,.....	\$ 50.00	
Massachusetts,.....	25.00	
Pennsylvania,.....	25.00	
Wyoming,.....	25.00	
Michigan,.....	35.00	
Ohio,.....	30.00	
Nebraska,	25.00	
Minnesota,.....	25.00	
Maine,.....	25.00	
N. Dakota,.....	50.00	
S. Dakota,.....	50.00	\$ 365.00

\$1886.33

Total Cash received.... \$1886.33

Total Disbursements.... 1745.44

Balance on hand,..... \$140.89

The above stationery account, includes only such items as legal paper, carbon, ink, pens, type ribbons, postal cards.

Miscellaneous account includes express, printing, memorandum books and extra expense on greetings.

Traveling expenses includes railroad fare and sleepers, meals, cab, drayage, and lodging.

In addition to the Grand Chapter donations, as stated above the following gave me personal donations:

Minnesota.....	\$25.00
Oregon.....	50.00
Kansas.....	24.00
Wisconsin.....	75.00
Total.....	<u>\$174.00</u>

These stated expressly that the said money was not to be applied on the General Grand Chapter account.

The following Grand Chapters each contributed \$25 toward my expenses, to-wit:

Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory, which covered the expenses of visiting these four Jurisdictions, and no part of said expense is charged in the above financial statement.

BILLS NOT APPROVED.

Two bills from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, one for engrossing Charters for the Chapters in North Carolina, and the other for salary for stenographer, were not approved by me, for the reason I held that the former expense should be borne by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, provided she did not desire to write the Charters in her own office, as it is clearly the duty of the said officer to write all Charters for Subordinate Chapters organized.

The second bill I did not approve for the reason that there was no law allowing this expense, and I did not deem the work of the said Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office sufficiently burdensome to warrant this extra expense; neither

could I convince myself that the results of this expenditure would justify me in approving the employment of a regular stenographer at \$30.00 per month.

RENTS RAISED.

A few months after the close of the last session of the General Grand Chapter, Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, notified me that she could not maintain the office for this General Grand Chapter longer in her home for the sum of \$15.00 per month, and that an office down town would have to be secured. Later, she informed me that the office could remain, providing I was willing to pay \$30.00 per month rental. I have since the beginning of the year 1905 approved bills for the said amount, and signed warrants covering same.

RITUAL.

It is true that the Ritual of the Eastern Star is not a masterpiece of ancient literature, translated from hieroglyphics, found upon tablets of stone, that have lain buried beneath the ruins of antiquity since before the flood; neither is it a volume of modern literature renowned for its profound depth of thought, or its skyward flights of oratory, and yet, withal, it is one of the greatest books ever written; it is a book written by one who was inspired with love toward his fellowmen; it is a book of inspiration to all who carefully study and practice the beautiful and holy lessons therein; it is a book sublime for its purity and simplicity, and from this view point has never been excelled by ancient or modern pen.

It sets forth in plain, unvarnished words the religious, moral, mental and physical standard by which to live.

There is an alarming tendency at this time to measure everything from a spectacular standpoint. The quiet, modest church has given place to piles of granite and marble, and the

congregations vie with each other as to style of pipe organ, and size of choir, while the daily newspapers advertise the appearance of some noted soloist, to draw a crowd.

The popularity of the public schools is now based upon the length of the curriculum, and the number of graduates turned out, while the fundamental principles upon which to build a solid education are lost in the mad rush for stage diplomas, flowers and plaudits. The theatre is measured by the number of special cars it requires to move its troops, while even the Home has lost much of the old, peaceful quiet so essential to true happiness.

It is true that the eye is being thoroughly trained in its power of conception of the beautiful, and correct estimate of proportions, but the heart is being neglected in this spectacular training, and man is being cheated out of his rightful heritage.

The lessons of the Ritual are not intended to leave a fanciful picture upon the retina of the eye, but rather to sink deep into the heart, leaving impressions for good that will spring forth as never-failing fountains of pure thought, noble deeds, mental, physical, moral and spiritual advancement.

When we endeavor, as some of us do, to embellish the Ritual work with brilliant lights, moving pictures, stage effects, etc., we mar the sublimity of its simplicity, and defeat the very purpose for which it was intended. We cannot improve the Ritual work by adding any spectacular additions, any more than we can improve the fragrance of the rose or lily by artificial perfumes. Let us keep the work pure and simple, and not lose sight of the object for which this Order was established.

LITERATURE.

Opportunity will be afforded you at this session to examine the several Eastern Star papers, meet their editors personally,

and convince yourselves which paper you wish to subscribe for. And I trust that not one member of this General Grand Chapter, who does not already take one of the papers, will fail to leave their name and their dollar in the hands of the editors or their agents. No member of the Order should be without a good Eastern Star paper, and no Grand Matron or Grand Patron can afford to miss the great help and inspiration for one whole year that can be secured for just one dollar.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOMES.

It is claimed that to woman is granted the privilege of changing her mind, but there are a few matters upon which I do not crave this privilege—one is the *need* and *utility* of Masonic and Eastern Star Homes. In 1898, when Grand Matron of Oregon, I made the assertion that we needed these homes, and today, after years of close observation, and especially the experience of the last three years, I am still more forcibly of the same opinion.

Sisters and Brothers, the Five Pointed Banner of the Eastern Star will never wave from the highest hilltop of fraternal organizations until we have in the great majority of Grand Chapters a Home.

It is a noticeable fact that in the States where Masonic and Eastern Star Homes exist, there you find the greatest amount of interest and harmony, with the largest amount of money on hand.

The question: "How shall we keep up interest in the Chapter?" is not asked, for there is work to do. There must be some object, else ambition to excel is dead.

It was my intention to give a brief synopsis of the Homes in operation, and those in contemplation, but this minute the sun is setting for August 23, and this report must go to the printer at once. I can only ask you, sisters and brothers, to

reflect. We know not what changes may come upon you and me, in the coming years.

APPROPRIATE COLORS.

Many times have I been requested to give the official regulation colors for Officers' Robes, to both members and manufacturing houses. There being no official regulation, I could not grant the request.

The colors appropriate for six of the seventeen officers are given—the balance is left to the personal opinion of the Worthy Matron, or Committee who provides the robes, or to the manufacturer, it must follow that great diversity prevails. As this is a matter relating to uniformity, and a matter certainly under the control of the General Grand Chapter, I trust some action will be taken at this time, and Official Regulation Colors adopted.

COURTESIES EXTENDED.

Under this head it would be impossible to enumerate all the courtesies extended me, for never once has the sun rose an set, since September 1904, without recording some kindly act or word. Without this, sisters and brothers, it would have been impossible for me to have completed my work, even as well as I have, and I thank you from the most sacred depth of my heart. May your many kindnesses be as "Bread cast upon the waters."

INVITATIONS.

Three times, from each Grand Chapter, has come the invitation to attend their Annual Session. A few times I have failed to reply, not being at home; sometimes the date escaped me, but in the great majority of cases I sent personal greeting, and often reached them by telegram as the last resort.

Many invitations to attend Subordinate Chapters have been received, but only in a few instances has it been possible to accept. Whenever I could accept these invitations, the most generous greeting and hospitality has awaited me.

LAYING CORNER-STONE.

Nine invitations to assist in laying corner-stones have been received, but with the exception of Kansas Grand Chapter, when the corner-stone of the Eastern Star Chapel was laid, it has been impossible to accept. The remembrance of this occasion is recorded as one of the happiest events of my work. Inspiration was there imbibed that has aided me materially in stimulating the lagging enthusiasm of some of the members along the lines of practical work.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

Three invitations to attend Dedication of Homes, and fifteen Masonic Temples have been received, but unfortunately all came at such time when acceptance was impossible.

I regretted my inability to attend the dedication of a column in Luray Cave by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, named in my honor.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES.

Over forty invitations have come requesting public addresses, but only in five instances has it been accepted personally. Upon special request I have sent fourteen typewritten talks, and four record addresses.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

I failed to keep record of the number of requests which came for me to hold Schools of Instruction for Grand Chapters, but can recall ten, only three of which I could attend.

Indian Territory for Deputy Grand Matrons.
Pennsylvania, Subordinate Chapters of Pittsburg.
Wyoming, entire Grand Chapter.

Each of these meetings were fraught with much interest, and excellent work done. I wish it had been possible to accept all such invitations, as in my opinion here can be accomplished the most good for the greatest number with the least outlay of time and money.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Among the many courtesies extended me, the one perhaps appreciated most of all was being elected honorary member of many of the Grand Chapters visited; also Subordinate Chapters and several Associations.

While this honor carries with it no privileges, neither does it impose any demands. Nearly all of the Grand Chapters have followed the first courtesy by handsomely engrossed Certificates of Membership, which almost entirely cover the walls of my library. These, with the remembrance of the gracious, loving words, will ever be one of the sunniest spots in memory of the past three years. With so much sunshine in a room, it could not be gloomy or lonely.

Have been elected Honorary member as follows:

GRAND CHAPTERS.

Alabama,	Maryland,	Ohio,
Arkansas,	Massachusetts,	Oklahoma,
Colorado,	Michigan,	Pennsylvania,
Florida,	Minnesota,	South Carolina.
Illinois,	Mississippi,	South Dakota,
Indian Territory,	Missouri,	Tennessee,
Kansas,	Nebraska,	Utah,
Louisiana,	Nevada,	Virginia,
Maine,	North Carolina,	Wisconsin,
		Wyoming,

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Maple No. 90, Chicago, Ill.
Esther 11, Pawnee, Okla.
Mt. Vernon 2, Orr Hill, North Carolina.
Orient 77, Northville, Mich.
Mizpah 5, Salt Lake City.
Oklahoma No. 1, Oklahoma.
Stroud, Oklahoma.
Lei Aloha No. 2, Honolulu.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Matrons and Patrons' Association, Mass.; Grand Matrons and Patrons' Association, Kansas, and Queen Esther Auxiliary, O. E. S., Indiana.

NAMESAKES.

Out of the overflowing love in their hearts, a number of Chapters have been named for me, some using the full name of Madeleine B. Conkling Chapter, others "Madeleine." While I appreciated the spirit that prompted this honor—and it certainly is an honor—yet I do not approve of naming Chapters after any living person, and have so informed the various Chapters, suggesting that I would like to name their Chapter instead; and in some instances the request has been granted, but in others they held to the name, despite my protest.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

My own Chapter, Roseburg No. 8, of Oregon, the Chapter that was instrumental, and in whose hall the Grand Chapter of Oregon was organized, unanimously voted me a Life Member, thus relieving me of dues. While this courtesy was appreciated

more—a hundred times more—than any received, yet I could not accept, as I wish *always*, as long as life shall last, to be a contributing member to the Chapter that made it possible for me to receive from your hands the greatest honor in your power to bestow upon one of your members.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS, RECEPTIONS, ETC.

These are too numerous to even try to record, but there have been drives, banquets, theater parties, private and public receptions, upon every possible occasion or provocation. All have been appreciated to the fullest extent.

REMEMBRANCES.

So many tokens of kindly and loving remembrance have come to me that I have no words with which to express my appreciation, fitly or in volume, as would even dimly reflect the true feeling that is in my heart. But I thank you, and know that when the work of the past three years has become record only, that many times will I live over again in memory my pleasant associations with you.

CONCLUSION.

Sisters and Brothers, the time allotted to my keeping, in which to complete my work as your Most Worthy Grand Matron is now consumed. Three times have the Christmas bells pealed joyously forth, and three times have we turned a spotless page upon which to begin the record of a New Year. While every moment of my time has been given, yet I have not accomplished half I had hoped.

In my visits to the Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, I found the Ritual Work, with few exceptions, well rendered. To the Chapters of Nevada is due special

praise for Ritual Work; also for the excellent condition of their books. These Chapters, it will be remembered, were formerly under the control of California.

At all of the Grand Chapters visited, there has been good attendance, much interest and enthusiasm manifested, and a growing determination to establish Masonic and Eastern Star Homes, where not established, and complete harmony of action in helping maintain those already in operation. With one or two exceptions the rendition of the Ritual Work has been excellent, and in the main correct. The business has usually been dispatched with a thoroughness that defies criticism. Upon every visit, whether to Grand or Subordinate Chapters, I have received the same true fraternal courtesy. I would it were possible for me to go into detail regarding these visits, for the "Little Red Book" certainly has a most interesting record.

I have been repeatedly assured that the suggestions offered were received in the same spirit in which they were given. It would, indeed, be most disastrous for our advancements, or the advancement of any enterprise, if "all were of the same opinion." But if we expect consideration of our opinions, we must respect the opinions of others, and allow them the same privileges we demand for ourselves. I have tried to do this; whether I have or not, you know.

In performing the various duties, as I understood them, I have traveled 54,160 miles, and written more than 12,000 letters.

Knowing that WORDS were inadequate to fitly express my appreciation of the honor received at your hands, or my sincere gratitude for the manifold kindnesses and personal courtesies extended to me, during the three years which are fast slipping from me, I have tried to *prove* the same by daily work for the betterment of the Order.

Those of you who have helped me know it, and so do I, and I assure you that no woman was ever more grateful or appreciative.

Sincerely and fraternally,

MADELEINE B. CONKLING.

After the reading of the Memorial in the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Address, she called the General Grand Chapter from labor, to reconvene at two o'clock P.M.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

Wednesday, September 4, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at two o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding, who completed the reading of her report.

Upon order of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

ADDRESS OF MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON, WILLIAM F. KUHN.

To the Members of the General Grand Chapter:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS: "Twelve times the iron tongue of Time has tolled" the triennial sessions of this General Grand Body. When measured by man's brief span of life, a generation has passed away since this organization was formed. Yet man's life or a generation is the mere tick of the clock whose dial indicates centuries and whose chimes toll out ages and eons.

As we meet here today, many may pause in retrospection, and find joy and satisfaction in the growth of the Order, as it has surmounted every obstacle, overcome prejudice, made enemies into friends and seeming defeat into victory.

We can to-day study with much satisfaction the onward march of civilization in its upward trend toward a higher standard of morality and ethics; in the equality of man and woman, in the court of public opinion and in the halls of justice.

We begin to realize that moral rectitude is not an expediency, but that it is the only safe standard in private and public trusts. I can see a greater and a more influential future for our Order than at any period of the past. We as members are caring less for the non-essentials, but more for the essentials. The martinet of grips, words and signs is rapidly passing away, but the thinking and acting man and woman are increasing — the man and woman who believe that humanity needs less of ceremonies, but more of cheer, less abstract Ritual, but more love; men and women who will pay less "Tithes of mint and anise and cummin," but more attention to the weightier matters, mercy, faith and charity.

The doctrine of hearts made lighter, lives made brighter, will outlive all theory, Ritual, official distinction and self-aggrandizement. Our Order, I trust, will recognize in its Twelfth Triennial Session that:

"God is a Father,
Man is a Brother,
The Earth is our Mother,
Life is a mission and not a career.
Knightship is service,
His scepter is gladness,
The least is the greatest,
Saving is dying,
Giving is living,
Life is eternal and Love is its essence."

The unseen player on the golden harp of our Order has touched a sweeter chord; its notes speak of love, of joy, of gladness, of Home; whose harmonies will touch the heart of a cold, grasping and selfish world. May its seraphic sweet-

ness be carried as on the wings of the morning to the uttermost parts of the earth, to hamlet and palace, to the rich and the poor. So that it may roll back as a mighty chorus in that angelic song of Bethlehem's Plains, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men."

In this spirit I greet you.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

At the beginning of my official term I immediately took up the matter of the extension of the Order. I concluded to conduct all the correspondence and manage this duty through the office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. All blank forms were printed in the name of this officer for two reasons: First, to save time; second, that the unoccupied territory of the General Grand Chapter might know that there was such an officer.

I issued a circular letter in reference to the Order and mailed it to every Lodge under the following Grand Lodges: South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Delaware, Nevada, Utah, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Soon inquiries came from the several States, but from Canada they were very meager. The Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba are promising fields, owing to the immigrations of many Americans into these Provinces. The prospects in Ontario and Quebec are only fair; a few Chapters may be organized in these Provinces, especially where a colony of Americans are located, but the advancement will be slow.

In the Eastern Provinces of Canada there is very little to hope for now. The prejudice of anything from the States, as well as the fossilized notions against "Woman Masonry" will

require years to overcome. "Woman Masonry," as the enemies call the Order, is as a red rag to them, just as it once was in our States, and some are roaring yet. When a proper knowledge of the mission of the Order has become disseminated in these Provinces, light will come and prejudice will pass away.

Unfortunately some of our friends in these Provinces, in their eagerness and zeal to win the Grand Lodges for the Order, went into the Grand Lodges for an endorsement. The result was inevitable. Not only were their efforts frowned upon, but an edict promulgated against the Order. "Do men gather figs from thistles?" Not that any one has heard. Neither can you catch a thief with a brass band.

In the good old days of Charlemagne, men were converted in their religious views by the soothing exhortation, "Change, or off goes your head." The advancement of the Order must be conducted on rational educational methods. "By their fruits shall ye know them." If the Order in our own country had waited for the endorsement of a Grand Lodge before a Chapter could be organized, then that one Chapter would still be unorganized. The Order of the Eastern Star has converted the Grand Lodges by its sacred mission, its aims, its fruits.

In our own country the work was easy, so that we can now proudly claim that the banner of a Grand Chapter floats over every State, except little Delaware. This State, with its five Lodges, is still without a Chapter within its borders.

In taking up the work in the unorganized States, I found chaos. The few Chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi were nearly all dead. They existed in name merely, and were worse than useless. In North Carolina I found a few enthusiastic members, and, after securing four applications for Charters and one in South Carolina, I commissioned your Most Worthy Grand Matron as my Deputy to organize them.

This plan was adopted because I realized that the Order of the Eastern Star graveyard had been filled by the poor work of incompetent deputies. The effort surpassed my expectations. Not only were these Chapters well instituted, but the Order of the Eastern Star zeal so increased that a Grand Chapter was organized within a month thereafter. This Grand Chapter has fulfilled our trust. My special thanks are due to Brother L. M. Cook at Red Springs, now Past Grand Patron, and Mrs. Emma Siler, of Siler City.

The vicissitudes of the Chapters of Nevada have been many, as the records of the General Grand Chapter will show; but there was hope and zeal in the sisters and brothers. After organizing a Chapter at Fallon, and after a unanimous vote of the Chapters expressing a desire for a Grand Chapter, I commissioned our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Conkling, to organize the Grand Chapter of Nevada, which was excellently done at Reno, September 19, 1905.

The Chapters in Utah were anxious to form a Grand Chapter, but lacked one Chapter of the Constitutional number. With some effort, a Chapter, Mizpah, No. 5, was instituted and the Grand Chapter of Utah was organized by Sister Conkling, as my Deputy, on September 20, 1905. While it may seem hazardous to organize a Grand Chapter with only a Constitutional number, yet the end will justify it, as a Grand Chapter can organize and take care of its own territory better than the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Utah will never be a large one, yet it will live and do equally as good work as a large one. Besides, think of the possibilities of a Grand Chapter in which every expectant, palpitating Matron and Patron has a sure passport to being a Grand Officer.

Mississippi seemed hopeless until the Goddess of Fortune found for me Brother O. L. McKay, of Meridian, who was the first Patron of Meridian Chapter, No. 11, instituted June

22, 1905, with 110 Charter members. While this Chapter was numbered 11, it should have been No. 1, for its work and enthusiasm. Six new Chapters were organized rapidly and I again commissioned our Most Worthy Grand Matron to organize a Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Mississippi was born on the 29th day of May, 1906, and it is a lusty youngster.

The Chapters in South Carolina, numbering ten, were all dead except one. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has no authority to even bury a dead Chapter, but the opportunity came, during the illness of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, when your Most Worthy Grand Patron seized the reins of government and became a sexton, a gleeful grave digger. I buried eight at one digging. This act was followed by a resurrection, through the efforts of Brother W. F. R. Cahall, who organized four new Chapters.

During the visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the Chapters of this State, I commissioned her to organize the Grand Chapter. This was done on the 1st day of June, 1907.

The greatest difficulty that has beset the advancement and growth in many of the Southern States has been the itinerant degree peddler. These male hawkers have obtained possession of some old Ritual and have sold their shoddy wares in many Lodges. The organizations of Grand Chapters has put this Simon Magus out of business.

One more Chapter has been organized in the Hawaiian Islands, two in the Province of Alberta, Canada, one in Dawson, Yukon, and at Nome, Alaska.

Several opportunities have presented themselves to organize Chapters in Mexico, but owing to the unsettled condition of Masonry in Mexico, where there is only one legitimate Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge de Valley of Mexico, and even this one has not been accorded recognition by all the

Grand Lodges of the United States, I have not pushed the organization.

I received a petition for a Chapter from Cananea, Sonora, signed by Americans who live there, and as its organization was enthusiastically urged by the late lamented Sister, Mrs. Bessie H. Grosetta, of Tucson, Arizona, I granted the dispensation. I think that as Mexico is rapidly being filled by Americans, the field for Chapters will soon be very promising.

I have constituted the following Chapters: Mississippi, 6; Nevada, 1; North Carolina, 5; South Carolina, 5; Utah, 1; Hawaiian Islands, 1; Canada, 3; Alaska, 1; Mexico, 1. Total, 24.

MISSISSIPPI.

Meridian Chapter No. 11, at Meridian; Chapter organized June 22, 1905, by S. I. Solomon, Deputy, with 110 Charter members. Charter granted August 4, 1905. Mrs. Daisy E. Harrison, W. M.; O. L. McKay, W. P.; Mrs. A. A. Klein, A. M.

Prentiss Chapter No. 12, at Booneville; Chapter organized January 11, 1906, by O. L. McKay, of Meridian, Miss., with 26 Charter members. Charter granted January 23, 1906. Mrs. Mollie Allen, W. M.; E. W. Walton, W. P.; Mrs. B. H. Eastman, A. M.

Woodville Chapter No. 13, at Woodville; Chapter organized April 3, 1906, by O. L. McKay, of Meridian, Miss., with 37 Charter members. Charter granted April 11, 1906. Mrs. Margaret H. Wettlin, W. M.; Chas E. Catchings, W. P.; Mrs. Josephine T. Hart, A. M.

Wilson Chapter No. 14, at Stonewall; Chapter organized April 21, 1906, by O. L. McKay, of Meridian, Miss., with 42 Charter members. Charter granted April 30, 1906. Mrs. Lillian Martin, W. M.; J. P. Cubley, W. P.; Mrs. Ethie Lee White, A. M.

La Grange Chapter No. 15, at Mathiston; Chapter organized May 19, 1906, by O. L. McKay, Deputy, Meridian, Miss., with 22 Charter members. Charter issued May 29, 1906. Mrs. Alma Bowles, W. M.; W. L. Bradberry, W. P.; Miss Della Bradberry, A. M.

Gloster Chapter No. 16, at Gloster; Chapter organized May 25, 1906, by O. L. McKay, Deputy, with 19 charter members. Charter issued May 25, 1906. Mrs. Mary A. Lamkin, W. M.; Isaac L. Toler, W. P.; Mrs. Mary Hines, A. M.

NEVADA.

Myrtle Chapter No. 12, at Fallon; Chapter organized May 29, 1905, by Thomas Dolf, Deputy, with 22 Charter members. Charter granted June 16, 1905. Miss Florence Kent, W. M.; Joe Jarvis, W. P.; Mrs. Phoebe Jeffrey, A. M.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Lois Chapter No. 8, at Red Springs; Chapter organized January 17, 1905, by R. F. Currie, Deputy, with 21 Charter members. Charter granted February 2, 1905. Mrs. R. F. Currie, W. M.; L. M. Cook, W. P.; Mrs. B. F. McMillen, A. M.

Siler Chapter No. 9, at Siler City; Chapter organized April 14, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, Deputy, with 31 Charter members. Charter granted May 1, 1905. Mrs. Emma B. Siler, W. M.; S. S. Smith, W. P.; Miss K. S. Vestal, A. M.

Grace Chapter No. 10, at Murphy; Chapter organized April 12, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, Deputy, with 20 Charter members. Charter granted May 1, 1905. Mrs. Ann R. Akin, W. M.; W. H. Woodbury, W. P.; Mrs. Alice Gurley, A. M.

Clay Chapter No. 11, at Hayesville; organized April 11, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, Deputy, with 50 Charter members. Charter granted May 1, 1905. Mrs. Julia Allison, W. M.; G. H. Haigler, W. P.; Mrs. Mattie Standridge, A. M.

Esther Chapter No. 12, at Ashville; Chapter organized April 8, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, Deputy, with 34 Charter members. Charter granted May 1, 1905. Mrs. May C. Bean, W. M.; J. A. Gorman, W. P. A. M. not given on report, and one name on petition not present at organization.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Palmetto Chapter No. 10, at Mullins; Chapter organized April 19, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, with 24 Charter members. Charter granted May 1, 1905. Mrs. Leila S. Cooper, W. M.; Rev. W. L. R. Cahall, W. P.; Mrs. E. J. Daniels, A. M.

Esscon Chapter No. 11, at Marion; Chapter organized May 25, 1905, by W. L. R. Cahall, Deputy, with 28 Charter members. Charter granted July 27, 1905. Mrs. Caroline W. Bristow, W. M.; Ferd D. Bryant, W. P.; Mrs. Mary S. Murchison, A. M.

Fort Mill Chapter No. 12, at Fort Mill; Chapter organized June 15, 1906, by W. L. R. Cahall, of Mullins, S. C., Deputy, with 48 Charter members. Charter granted July 6, 1906. Mrs. Lacy Fulp, W. M.; C. S. Link, W. P.; Miss Julia Thornwell, A. M.

Seneca Chapter No. 13, at Seneca; Chapter organized November 26, 1906, by W. L. R. Cahall, Deputy, with 23 Charter members. Charter granted December 19, 1906. Mrs. Eugenia P. Lowry, W. M.; Henry P. Boggs, W. P.; Mrs. Frances W. Earle, A. M.

Adah Chapter No. 14, at Laurens; Chapter organized October 26, 1906, by D. A. G. Ouzts, Deputy, of Greenwood, S. C., with 21 Charter members. Charter granted November 14, 1906. Mrs. Sallie C. Bolt, W. M.; M. L. Nash, W. P.; Mrs. Lillie M. Copeland, A. M.

UTAH.

Mizpah Chapter No. 5, at Salt Lake City; Chapter organized September 20, 1905, by Mrs. M. B. Conkling, Deputy, with 53 petitioners. Charter granted same date. Miss Sallie Houghton, W. M.; M. H. Arnold, W. P.; Mrs. A. Conley, A. M.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Lei Aloha Chapter No. 3, Honolulu; Chapter organized December 12, 1905, by Philip Peck, of Hilo, with 46 Charter members. Charter granted May 3, 1906. Mrs. Margaret Howard, W. M.; Clarence M. White, W. P.; Mrs. Marguerite E. Moore, A. M.

CANADA.

Mountain View Chapter No. 1, Olds, Alberta; Chapter organized April 12, 1906, by Mrs. Rosetta West, Deputy, with 21 Charter members. Charter granted April 27, 1906. Mrs. Rosetta West, W. M.; John Lawrence, W. P.; Mrs. Bertha Hainstock, A. M.

Yukon Chapter No. 1, Dawson, Yukon; Chapter organized August 3, 1906, by Frederick Ahlert, Deputy, with 20 Charter members. Charter granted November 15, 1906. Mrs. Francis Gillis, W. M.; G. Carleton Woodward, W. P.; Mrs. Mary Killam, A. M.

Venus Chapter No. 2, Red Deer, Alberta; Chapter organized September 3, 1907, by John Duff, Deputy, with 24 Charter members. Mrs. Anna Geisinger, W. M.; A. B. Purdy, W. P.; Mrs. Jannette Fulmer, A. M.

ALASKA.

Alaska Chapter No. 1, Nome; Chapter organized June 28, 1907, by Mrs. Hattie May Delkin, Deputy, with 34 Charter members. Charter granted August 1, 1907. Mrs. Kate E. Coston, W. M.; John D. Helps, W. P.; Mrs. Lydia E. Murane, A. M.

MEXICO. •

Cananea Chapter No. 1, Cananea, Sonora; Chapter organized April 17, 1906, by Bessie H. Grosetta, Deputy, of Tucson, Ariz., with 46 Charter members. Charter granted May 3, 1906. Mrs. Carrie E. Talbot, W. M.; F. E. Beecher, W. P.; Mrs. Gertrude McMillen, A. M.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

Proclamations of the organizations of Grand Chapters were issued as follows:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Kansas City, Mo., June 1, 1905.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is organized and recognized as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in North Carolina met in the City of Asheville on the 20th day of May, 1905, and through regular and legal representatives did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

Therefore, I, Wm. F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of North Carolina duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MADELEINE B. CONKLING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Emma B. Siler, Grand Matron, Siler City, N. C.; G. G. Haigler, Grand Patron, Hayesville, N. C.; W. H. Woodbury, Grand Secretary, Murphy, N. C.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Farmington, Mo., Oct. 3, 1905.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is organized and recognized as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Nevada met in Reno on the 19th day of September, 1905, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

Therefore, I, Wm. F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Nevada duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
MADELEINE B. CONKLING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna M. Warren, Reno; Grand Patron,, Thomas L. Bellam, Sparks; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Pion, Virginia City.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Farmington, Mo., Oct. 3, 1905.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is organized and recognized as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Utah met in Salt Lake City on the 20th day of September, 1905, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

Therefore, I, Wm. F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of Utah duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
MADELEINE B. CONKLING,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. F. Allen, Park City; Grand Patron, Lucius P. Judd, Salt Lake City; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Anna B. Marwick, Provo City.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Farmington, Mo. June 1, 1906.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is organized and recognized as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Mississippi met in Meridian on the 29th day of May, 1906, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

Therefore, I, Wm. F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling, do hereby proclaim and

declare the Grand Chapter of Mississippi duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MADELEINE B. CONKLING,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eunice Lockwood, Crystal Springs; Grand Patron, O. L. McKay, Meridian; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mollie Allen, Booneville.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Office of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Farmington, Mo., June 4, 1907.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the jurisdiction of the same holds and remains exclusive over territory where no Grand Chapter exists until a Grand Chapter is legally organized and recognized as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of South Carolina met in Greenwood on the 1st day of June, 1907, and through regular and legal representatives, did in a formal manner organize a Grand Chapter, elect and install officers of the same, and adopt a constitution thereof; now,

Therefore, I, Wm. F. Kuhn, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by the authority vested in me by its Constitution, and in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling, do hereby proclaim and declare the Grand Chapter of South Carolina duly organized and a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

WILLIAM F. KUHN,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MADELEINE B. CONKLING,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Greenwood; Grand Patron, Henry P. Boggs, Seneca; Grand Secretary, J. H. Thornwell, Fort Mill.

With the organization of subordinate and Grand Chapters, the labors of the Most Worthy Grand Patron terminate. Under the Constitution there is nothing else for him to do, except to act as an Aaron and Hur in supporting the arms of our Moses, the Most Worthy Grand Matron. This I have tried to do, and experienced no difficulty, as all her acts have had my hearty approval and support.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. I.

Early in the triennial period your Most Worthy Grand Matron issued under joint signature Circular Letter No. 1. The necessity of such a letter was very evident. The Constitution clearly places the control of the Ritual and qualification for membership under the authority of the General Grand Chapter.

A wide divergence of views as to the interpretation of many things in the Ritual demanded some official utterance for the guidance of the Grand Chapters, until the General Grand Chapter shall have made a declaration thereon.

This Circular Letter contained: First, decisions on mooted questions in the Ritual; second, suggestions as to uniformity of work; third, questions and suggestions as to the jurisprudence.

It was very gratifying to know with what almost universal unanimity this letter was received. It seems needless to discuss portions of it here, but as it will come before you for consideration, I will briefly give my reasons for its hearty support.

In some subordinate Chapters all manners of marches and preliminary ceremonies were introduced. Much of it is evidently borrowed from fraternal insurance societies. This was not done by the sanction of the Grand Chapters, but on individual responsibility. The attention of Grand Chapters was

called to this condition and that the Ritual specifies to some extent the preliminary ceremonies.

The collection of a Pass, while not prevalent, yet it occurred frequently enough to cause confusion. It is unnecessary to discuss this question, as there is no authority in the Ritual for collecting a Pass in the opening ceremony.

The second violation of the Ritual was the use of the Square and Compasses upon the Altar. Where this custom of using a Masonic Altar in a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star originated, I do not know. The Ritual clearly specifies that the Order of the Eastern Star Altar has "upon it an open Bible." An Altar is a square or oblong box and is common to all organizations. But that which makes an Altar distinctive is not so much the shape, the upholstery, its beauty or its finish, but it is that which rests upon it.

The Masonic Altar is the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses. The Bible is a common heritage. No one society, church or organization can pre-empt it and it is doubtless found on the altar of many secret societies. The Masonic Altar is distinct in this, that on the open Bible rest the implements of the Master's Craft. These two implements of themselves and in their position have a special significance and symbolism to every Mason. In the Order of the Eastern Star they are meaningless. They add nothing to the Altar. The framers of our Ritual recognized this and therefore specified that which bears to every member a great lesson: "Upon the Altar an open Bible." Open, not shut. A Bible open to all, unchained. Because the Square and Compasses are on the jewel of the Worthy Patron is no argument for its use upon the Altar. The whole argument lies in this, that when a candidate kneels at our Altar to take the solemn vow, he or she should kneel at an Order of the Eastern Star Altar and not at a Masonic Altar.

The qualification for membership is definitely stated and no Grand Chapter can make a step-daughter eligible.

A wide latitude has been given in the matter of robes, collars and regalia. The minimum only has been prescribed. I think that this is wise. I believe that each Grand Chapter should prescribe definitely of what this regalia shall be in excess of the minimum.

In reference to this question of regalia your General Grand Chapter officers made the suggestion that aprons be not worn for reasons assigned. That it is prejudicial in the opinion of Masons. This suggestion was not binding upon Grand Chapters, but I sincerely believe it should be adopted.

There is a custom in many Grand Chapters, and even the General Grand Chapter is guilty of the same offense, in giving special duties to the Marshal and Grand Marshal. This "May have Officer" is elevated to be a great factotum, and not only pre-empts the duties of the Conductress in introducing and accommodating visitors, but also becomes a herald and proclaims Grand Chapter opened and closed. I have always labored under the idea (possibly it was a delusion) that a Grand Matron was at the head of the Order and did not have to delegate the announcement of her wishes through a herald.

This custom was evidently borrowed from some semi-military organization where orders were promulgated through heralds and adjutant generals. If we are to continue this custom, why not arm this Marshal with a bugle instead of a baton and clothe her in armor? The only instance in which a Marshal would have a function to perform in reference to visitors would be in case of a visitation of a Grand Officer, when she would conduct a committee with the Conductress to greet the Grand Officer and reconduct this procession to the room; but the Conductress introduces the visitors. The Marshal holds identically the same position as the Marshal in a Masonic Lodge, whether Grand or subordinate, whose

duty, solely, is to take charge of all processions and annually proclaim the officers duly installed.

Before leaving the subject of the Ritual, may I ask by what authority do Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter open with any other ceremony than that laid down in the Ritual?

We are closely related to the Masonic Fraternity, yet no Mason has ever heard a Grand or General Grand Masonic Body opened upon any other ceremony except that of a subordinate body. The only change is that of the title of the officer addressed.

The Circular Letter contains suggestions which were merely given to promote uniformity. These suggestions were based merely upon a personal opinion.

The Circular Letter placed restrictions on the admission of visitors who claimed to be members of the Order and hailing from New York and New Jersey. That such restrictions are necessary is evident, because these jurisdictions merely obligate some Master Masons to secrecy and who are not members of the Order.

I trust that this General Grand Chapter will give forth no uncertain sound on this matter.

The Circular Letter called attention to clandestine masonry and urged special care thereto. The Western States are not permeated with clandestine masonry, but east of the Mississippi River much mischief and trouble have arisen. In the Grand Jurisdiction where such masonry exists, special care should be exercised in the selection of material.

I would again emphasize another point, that the jurisprudence of the Order should be based as far as possible upon the Masonic Jurisprudence of the State in which the Grand Chapter exists. One need but read the decisions of Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons and the reports on jurisprudence of the Grand Chapters to note the chaos that exists in many instances.

Law, it seems, is merely an expediency to be set aside at a whim.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Chapter claims to be an independent Chapter, yet is using the General Grand Chapter Ritual with such addenda as it may see fit. This Grand Chapter follows in the footsteps of the Grand Chapter of New York, permitting any Master Mason to visit a Chapter merely on the pledge of secrecy.

This Mason is not a member of the Order, pays no dues, owes no allegiance and is not entitled to its rights and privileges except to visit and be present at feeds. He is in possession of all the secrets yet not a member, an anomalous condition. In law, he is and he is not. He is a sort of a "What is it?" He has been called a "Parlor Star." This term is very expressive. He toils not neither does he spin in the Order of the Eastern Star loom, hence is only fit as an ornament in a parlor. Sort of a bric-a-brac set on a "what-not." I have no objection to the Grand Chapter of New York having this bric-a-brac, as they use their own Ritual, which provides for such pledges of secrecy, but the Grand Chapter of New Jersey uses our Ritual and then deliberately violates it. This Grand Chapter, while claiming to uphold our landmarks, permitted for several years one of these bric-a-bracs to preside at the initiation. Think of a person who is not a member of the Order administering an obligation to which he himself is not bound. Yet this General Grand Chapter has permitted this, all for the sake of selling Rituals and the lack of courage of enforcing the laws.

This General Grand Chapter is something or it is nothing. This wishy-washy, shilly-shally policy ought to cease. Why not eat plenty of starch for the next three days and stiffen

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our backbone. If we simply exist to elect a few officers and pay a few persons salaries, let us adjourn sine die.

If we are a governing body then let us govern. I admire the courage of a lion, but despise the flabby jellyfish.

The sale of Rituals to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey should cease and stop now. If they wish to be independent, well and good, but not on our Ritual.

GERMAN RITUAL.

Many inquiries have come to both of your Most Worthy Grand Officers as to the organization of German Chapters. In several Grand Jurisdictions excellent Chapters in the German language can be organized.

Your Most Worthy Grand Matron accepted the kind offer of Brother August Torpe, of Chicago, to translate the Ritual into German. It has been done and two Chapters under the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois have used it.

I have a copy of it and read it carefully, and while I do not claim to be a German scholar or versed sufficiently in classic German to be a critic, yet I have found no trouble in reading it understandingly. I believe all competent critics will pronounce the translation as excellent in its exactness and beautiful in its language.

I would heartily recommend the adoption, printing and promulgation of this translation, and, further, that in publishing it due credit be given the translator and a handsome honorarium be given Brother Torpe by the Finance Committee.

RECOMMENDATION.

I would recommend that hereafter all blank forms, literature, etc., issued for sale or distribution, be issued in the name of the General Grand Chapter and not in the name of a Grand Officer.

FINANCES.

It has been my misfortune and your good fortune that I have not been able to spend any General Grand Chapter funds, except for stationery and stamps.

But under our present system of finances, it will appear as if I had been very free with the funds.

This preliminary statement is made merely to call attention of the Committee to the fact that a certain sum should be set aside for the Deputy account of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

I have made it a practice that Deputy expenses for instituting Chapters were paid. In several instances the Deputy refused to receive such expense money; but such expenses are legitimate, and should be paid out of a Deputy Fund and not charged up to the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron.

The expenses incident to the organization of Grand Chapters should be paid out of such a fund.

During the past three years I deputed the Most Worthy Grand Matron, not only to organize subordinate Chapters, but also the new Grand Chapters.

These expenses should not be charged as personal expenses to either of us, but against the Deputy Fund.

CONSTITUTION.

The need of a Constitution for the General Grand Chapter and general regulations for the Grand and Subordinate Chapters are apparent to all.

The crying need in the Order is a little knowledge of law. But where can it be found? If there has been one demand above all others during this triennial period upon your Most Worthy Grand Patron, it has been "Send me some Order of the Eastern Star laws and regulations." To the men

this may seem strange. Yet we must not forget that every Mason, if he has paid any attention to his Lodge, has been schooled, yes, saturated, with Masonic Jurisprudence. The Sisters have not had this opportunity. A new field of study and investigation suddenly opens before her the moment she is elected Matron of her Chapter, and still greater become the perplexities and complexities of law when she is elected Grand Matron. Masonic Grand Jurisprudence differs somewhat in minor details and local matters, but the general principles of Masonic Jurisprudence is universal in its acceptance and application.

If you place side by side the Masonic Code of California, Missouri and Maine—the West, the middle and the East—the unity of the three become apparent. So should it be in the Order of the Eastern Star. This unity can come from but one source, the General Grand Chapter, the governing body.

The General Grand Chapter has furnished nothing except a few contradictory decisions. Our Constitution is a monstrosity and we have no by-laws or general regulations for the information and government of the Order.

The Ritual contains some law and general regulations, but these do not appear to have ever been adopted as a part of the Constitution. If they have ever been adopted, why are they not printed as a part of the Constitution?

This chaotic condition of law is well illustrated by a Grand Matron who said: "She had granted Dispensations, because she had read that Grand Matrons of other jurisdictions had done so."

I have heartily seconded the efforts of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in bringing this question of a new Constitution and general regulations before this Body this Session, and I sincerely hope that as the Order asks for "bread we will not give it a stone."

CONCLUSION.

My work is done. It is not in my province to discuss many of the phases of our Order, however tempting they may be. I am here to render to you merely an account of my stewardship and to return to you my emblem of authority that I have worn with pleasure for three years. Be assured to-day that I am not insensible of the high honor which you have intrusted to my care and keeping.

In laying aside official duties, I can assure you that the position of honor has concerned me least. Mere official distinction is a mere gew-gaw. It brings no soul to the soulless; no heart to the heartless; no intellect to mediocrity. It may make a queen more queenly, a king more kingly, but it may also make a buffoon the more a fool.

Official distinction should mean work and self-sacrifice; without it no glory, no reward. Life if truly lived is full of sacrifice; and without it life is a failure. The simplest life finds this even so. It is a law of nature that the greatness of official distinction is measured by the greatest sacrifice and toil.

The Triennial period has passed. My labors have not been difficult or hard; yet I realize that it has been one of the most successful three years in the history of the General Grand Chapter. We know one another better; we are nearer together; the bond of union between Grand Chapters has been strengthened. We have a better, clearer and nobler conception of what it means to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. May I say it? This General Grand Chapter has attained to this end because Madeleine B. Conkling, your Grand Matron, has lived in it, sacrificed for it, during the past three years. I was but an associate officer and could do but little, save to stand by and applaud a woman's unselfish, heroic labors. To her belongs the credit. Un-

tiring, alert and aggressive has been her policy. She has had my enthusiastic support and commendation. To her, to the Grand Secretary, to the Grand Treasurer and the other Grand Officers, I thank you.

WHAT OF THE MORNING?

The order of the Eastern Star is still in its formative period. In the morning of its life. Are there signs of promise? Are there inherent forces that will carry it onward in a glorious mission and to a triumphant end? Or will it fail and pass into forgetfulness, like many other human agencies that have flourished and passed away? The answer is readily found in what may be your conception of the Order. If your conception does not mean a willing sacrifice for some one's good, a sublime devotion to a principle that takes hold of humanity here and places it on a higher and loftier plane yonder; if the work of the Order does not consider others and is purely selfish, then it will die and ought to die.

If your conception of the Order is purely social, then it will prove a failure. If you think it is an arena for purely intellectual combat, it will prove a sorry spectacle. If it is a field for theological or philosophical discussion, it will be a disappointment. If it contains no more for you than the ceremonial of the degrees, what a disastrous conception. If it is a mere official position, and a few days of glory, the dregs of the official cup will indeed be bitter.

The possibilities of the human soul make life a pleasure and its destiny eternal. The possibilities of the soul, the spirit of our Order, will make it a pleasure for its members, a great factor in the world's progress, and infinite in its influence and fruitage.

Principles live, ceremonials die; selfishness is an ogre of destruction. Altruism, to live for others, is an angel of peace.

Our Order should be social; it should be intellectual; it

should be a moral agency; a family circle to which only the kind-hearted should come; where the ignorant and illiterate cannot enter; where the scandal monger cannot intrude his or her unsightly carcass; where love to humanity shall reign.

Will our Order live? Will it meet the demands of the world and the lofty conception of the heart? Yes. The two points of our Star reach out toward the East like extending arms, as if to grasp the rising Sun, emblem of light, purity and joy.

In this receptive attitude our Star must stand; facing the coming Sun of charity as it gilds the mountain top in iridescent glory; facing the glow and heat of self-sacrifice; facing the rising sun of every opportunity; facing the golden rays of love as they by magic touch, brighten and illumine the dark recesses of despair and misery; facing the dawning of a new morning of progress, of advancement; to higher ideals, a day dawn of triumphant hosannahs.

The principles of our Order find their best fulfillment in humanity's needs and point to a higher destiny. Mortality and immortality, the beginning and the ending.

Shall the Order live? I would build a Star whose two points rest on the foundation of love as exemplified in Electa, and devotion to duty as exemplified in Adah. Love, Charity, two words. Let us make it one word—Lovecharity. The stone on which the weary in life's battle may rest. The pillow from which the tired sleeper sees the heavenly ladder with the angelic throng. Devotion the willing sacrifice, a foundation stone laid centuries ago in fair Judea, which time has not destroyed, and ages can not cause it to crumble and decay. As long as human hearts love the heroic and true devotion, so long will Adah live. A life based upon charity and devotion. An Order whose foundation is love, charity and devotion can not end. Here a superstructure must rise adorned with the attribute of immortality.

From these two fundamental principles will arise two more points as represented in Ruth and Esther. Doing one's duty, whether it be among the lowly or exalted. Whether it be for me to glean among the fields already reaped, with but a handful as my reward, unseen, unknown, yet labor on; or whether I stand clad in the robe and crown of wordly wealth and honor, duty, my duty; for who knows but that "Thou hast come into the kingdom for such time as this."

Duty the only mandate; duty in hovel or palace; duty in the field or on the throne; for these are the beautiful attributes founded on Devotion and Love.

Aye, more, from these must come one more; as the unfolding of the flower brings its fragrance, so the unfolding of love to humanity, of fidelity to vows, of doing our duty where'er our lot be cast, there will come in its beauty and glory to the breathing of every soul, to the prompting of every heart, the evergreen ray of Immortality, pointing upward to our destiny—Home!" "Believest thou this?"

"If Peace is thy prompter and Love is thy guide,
And white robed Charity walks by thy side,—
If thou tellest the truth without oath to bind,
Doing thy duty to all mankind,—
Raising the lowly, cheering the sad,
Finding some goodness e'en in the bad,
And owning with sadness if badness there be,
There might have been badness in thine and in thee,
If Conscience, the warder that keeps thee whole,
Had uttered no voice to thy slumbering soul,—
All God's angels will say, "Well done,"
Whenever thy, mortal race is run.
White and forgiven,
Thou'lt enter Heaven,
And pass unchallenged the Golden Gate,
Where welcoming spirits watch and wait,
To hail thy coming with sweet accord,
White and forgiven,

"If thou art humble and wilt not scorn,
However wretched, a brother forlorn,—
If thy purse is open to misery's call,
And the God thou lovest is God to all,
Whatever their color, clime or creed,
Blood of thy blood, in their sorest need,—
If every cause is good and true,
And needs assistance to dare and do,
Thou helpest on through good and ill,
With trust in Heaven and God's good will,—
All God's angels will say, "Well done,"
Whenever thy mortal race is run.
White and forgiven
Thou'lt enter Heaven,
And pass unchallenged the Golden Gate,
Where welcoming spirits watch and wait,
To hail thy coming with sweet accord,
To the Holy City of God, the Lord."

Yes, our Order will live.

Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM FREDERICK KUHN,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Address
of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to the
Committee on Distribution, which is as follows: Mrs. Allena
D. Ward, Mrs. Lina H. Baldwin and Mrs. Anna E. Manhein.

REPORT OF
THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY,
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

*To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star:*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—For the sixth time I come to you to render an account of the stewardship which you have so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and with great appreciation of the continued confidence expressed by the action of this Body, I submit the following statement of Receipts and Disbursements from the 15th of July 1904 to the 15th of July 1907, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Bills Receivable July 15, 1907.....	\$ 437.48
Dues	1,118.39
Rituals	17,951.17
Signets	2,086.15
Charter fees	406.25
Charter blanks	375.32
Representative Appointment blanks	405.34
Petition for Dispensation	37.80
Dispensation blanks	86.80
Report blanks	244.03
Receipts for dues	26.75
Treasurer's Receipts	7.74
Warrants	14.50
Funeral Ceremonies	1.65
Rules, and Regulations and By-laws.....	32.25
Dimit blanks	1.10
Postage	22.63
Express	241.49
Stationery and Printing .....	.38
Refund	3.48
Signets lost	6.00

Charter surrendered (Sabra Chapter)	67.55
Rituals lost	2.25
Tubes and Seals57
Electrotypes50
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	\$ 23,577.57

AMOUNT DUE FROM GRAND CHAPTERS.

Mississippi	\$ 76.54	
Arkansas	112.75	
Illinois	100.00	
Kansas	4.00	
Michigan	346.03	
Indian Territory	95.36	
Ohio	88.00	
New Jersey	78.00	
Massachusetts	12.50	
New Hampshire .....	.50	
Tennessee	45.00	
Wyoming	3.00	
Oklahoma	18.00	
West Virginia	2.34	
South Carolina	69.03	
Nevada	1.75	
Vermont	11.57	1,064.37
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		\$ 22,513.20

MISCELLANEOUS LOSSES.

88 old Rituals, returned	49.25	
Duplicate orders, lost accounts, and misc. losses	45.89	95.14
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		22,418.06
Cash on hand, July 15, 1904		9,556.43
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		31,974.49
Interest reported by R. W. G. Treas.....		672.18
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Total		\$ 32,646.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dues refunded	\$.25
Rituals	4,730.91	
Signets	414.40	
Charter blanks	147.59	
Representative Appointment blanks	75.00	
Petitions of Dispensation	15.50	
Report blanks	92.62	
Receipt for Dues	9.80	
Treasurer's Receipts	6.68	
Warrants	9.45	
Rules and Regulations	21.00	
Postage	337.04	
Express	387.77	
2,500 Proceedings 1904	483.25	
Memorials	45.75	
Secret Work	35.90	
Misc. Stationery and printing	126.91	
Salary	3,000.00	
Expense R. W. G. Treas. office	8.40	
Traveling expenses of R. W. G. Secy	56.70	
Expenses of M. W. G. Matron	1,860.95	
Expenses of M. W. G. Patron, and his Deputies	351.71	
Expense of 11th Session	2,168.76	
Expense for 12th Session	11.25	
Flowers (Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Chester)	10.00	
Electrotype .....	.58	

Office Expenses:

Telephone	180.00	
Rent	997.50	
Insurance	30.00	
Bonds, G. Secy.	40.00	
Bonds, G. Treas.	40.00	
Stenographer	127.00	
Miscellaneous	227.30	1,641.80
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		16,049.97
Cash on hand, July 15, 1907	16,596.70	
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		\$ 32,646.67

STOCK ON HAND.

148	Rituals, Morocco	\$ 37.00
7088	Rituals, cloth	921.44
92	Signets, Mtd. at 35 cts.	32.20
1036	Signets, Mtd. at 40 cts.	414.40
103	Signets, unmted. at 11 cts.	11.33
1712	Charter blanks	132.85
1241	Rep. Appointment blanks	31.02
1125	Petitions for Dispensation	8.70
892	Dispensations	8.80
4511	Report blanks	35.70
65	Receipt for Dues	6.50
4	Treasurer's Receipts	1.44
7	Warrants	2.45
561	Funeral Ceremonies	5.61
1176	Rules and Regulations and By laws	28.46
308	Dimit blanks	1.54
	Office furniture	356.30
	Electrotypes	488.27
36	Badges	7.20
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		\$ 2,531.21

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand	2,531.21	
Due from Grand Chapters and others	1,064.37	
Cash on hand	16,596.70	20,192.28

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTED MATTER.

First and Third Sessions Proceedings	61.37	
Second Session Proceedings	47.53	
Fourth Session Proceedings	92.06	
Fifth Session Proceedings	98.20	
Sixth Session Proceedings	94.36	
Seventh Session Proceedings	223.12	
Eighth Session Proceedings	285.04	
Ninth Session Proceedings	205.07	
Tenth Session Proceedings	280.50	
Eleventh Session Proceedings	386.68	
Miscellaneous Consumable matter	100.00	
Proceedings, bound	28.00	
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		\$ 1,901.93

Of the Accounts Receivable on the 15th of July, 1907, the Grand Chapters of Mississippi, Illinois, Indian Territory, Michigan, New Hampshire, Nevada, Arkansas have since paid their indebtedness.

Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter held in St. Louis, Missouri, in September, 1904, were printed and distributed.

All moneys have been promptly forwarded to the R. W. Grand Treasurer. The "Contingent Expense Account" which was reported at the last session has been continued with the approval of the M. W. Grand Matron, and the same manner of paying small bills has also been continued during this term.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar, Nevada, surrendered its charter March 2, 1905, and 29 dimitts were issued June 8, 1905 to the following named persons: Maggie Campbell, Tennie Eisenmann, Libbie Giles, Elizabeth Neal, Annie Oxnam, Matilda Roeder, Kate M. Turner, Sabra T. Howard, Rev. B. J. Darneille, Jerry Engle, James Giles, Chas. R. Hobbs, John E. Jennison, Henry W. Miles, Robert McAfee, Cyrus W. Neal, George Nesbitt, Wm. Oxnam, John Roeder, Henry Stevens, Peter Sabovich, John Shier, Frank Swindler, Chas. M. Swindler, Thos. H. Tresidder, Frank Tracy, E. D. Turner, Fred E. Vickers, Hugh J. Wright.

Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville, S. Car., surrendered its charter September 29, 1906.

September 12, 1906, we received instructions from the M. W. Grand Patron to call in the charters of seven Chapters in South Carolina, namely, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (for names and location see page 13) which was done at once, and Electa Chapter No. 6 was the only one which complied.

Upon authority of M. W. Grand Patron I issued a dimit June 20, 1905 to Solomon Debolt, reported as member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Howard, South Dakota.

Also upon above authority I issued a duplicate charter to

Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport, Miss., the original having been destroyed by fire.

September 15, 1906, I received from the M. W. Grand Patron the following: "Please notify the Chapter at Rossland, British Columbia, that their charter has been arrested and direct them to forward charter and all property to you. Notify them so they will receive it by the 19th."

This notice was sent to Alpha Chapter No. 1, British Columbia, the same day the instructions were received

Under date of July 8, 1907, the M. W. Grand Matron wrote me that as soon as I had received the books and property of Alpha Chapter, to notify all members of their arrearage, and advise them that upon payment of same dimits would be granted them.

On July 26, 1907, I received through the M. W. Grand Matron \$82.35, money reported as remaining in treasury of the above named chapter. Up to the present time I have received no books or property belonging to that Chapter, and the \$82.35 having arrived after I closed my books on the 15th, the amount does not appear in my report for this term.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. I.

About April 25, 1905, I received Circular Letter No. 1 from the office of the M. W. Grand Patron, he naming in his instructions the persons to whom they should be sent, which was done at once. In reply to the many inquiries regarding omission of official seal, I could only reply that the circular came to me printed ready for distribution, but I was not asked to sign nor seal it.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

On May 31, 1905, I received from the M. W. Grand Patron the following:

"Issue a dispensation to Lawn Chapter No. 527, Chicago, Illinois, to confer the degrees upon John McNeill, a resident of Parry Sound, Canada. Send this dispensation to J. R. Mc-

Dougall, 3833 S. Campbell Ave., Brighton Park, Chicago, Illinois."

I had never before been requested to grant a dispensation under such conditions and I sent the M. W. Grand Patron a form for his approval and signature, that he might know just what was issued under his orders.

Under date of June 6, 1905, he recalled this order and instructed me to issue in lieu thereof a waiver of jurisdiction. I had never been requested to issue a waiver of jurisdiction, so made a form which I sent the M. W. Grand Patron for his approval and signature, and upon its return to me I at once signed and sealed the same and forwarded it to the Grand Matron of Illinois.

Under date of August 19, 1905, I was instructed by the M. W. Grand Patron to sign and seal a waiver of jurisdiction over Mrs. Mollie Davis of Webb, Miss., in favor of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, which I did, and forwarded same to Mrs. Agnes I. Hartsuck, Grand Matron.

From the M. W. Grand Matron I received three waivers of jurisdiction in favor of the states of Illinois, Maine and Texas, with request that I sign, seal and forward them to the proper parties, which I did at once. They are in brief as follows:

Oct. 2, 1905—Over William D. Baxter, Gadwich, Ontario, Canada, in favor of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

May 8, 1906—Over twelve parties residing at Woodstock, New Brunswick, in favor of Fidelity Chapter No. 32, Holton, Maine, as follows: J. F. Tilley, Hattie A. Gabel, Harold L. Grant, John Allison Lindsay, Janie Tille Brewer, Minnie L. Grant, George E. Phillips, Daniel W. Kyle, George W. Gibson, Raymond M. Gabel, Lothe L. Kyle, Jennie V. Gibson.

March 18, 1907—Over Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Gillispie, residents of Mexico, in favor of Miriam Chapter, O. E. S., Laredo, Texas.

Miss Eunice Murphy was a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 2 at Trion, Georgia, and was reported as such in 1894. The Chapter paid dues to the General Grand Chapter on

74 members in 1895 but made no report then and have remained dormant since that time.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia was organized February 2, 1901 and the jurisdiction relinquished. Miss Murphy now requests a dimit of the General Grand Chapter through the Grand Patron of Georgia, John P. Davis. In view of this condition, which remains the same in most jurisdictions that have paid dues to the General Grand Chapter, I would recommend that the dues of all members of the Order be remitted in chapters which were under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and which were dormant at the time the jurisdiction was relinquished by this grand body and a grand chapter formally organized. This will then permit grand chapters to determine the standing of the members of the Order who are in similar positions to the case above cited, and provide a way to reinstate such.

Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with number of Chapter, membership and amount of dues paid. The delinquent Chapters also appear in this list:

MISSISSIPPI.

Winnie Davis Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven—

Charter granted April 30, 1895.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

30 charter members.

Long Beach Chapter No. 2, Gulfport—

Charter granted February 2, 1897.

No dues paid since 1903.

38 members, 1903.

Naomi Chapter No. 3, Wesson—

Charter granted May 17, 1897.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

24 charter members.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, McComb City—

Charter granted March 28, 1898.

Dues paid, 1904	7.00	
Dues paid, 1905	7.75	
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	3.65	18.40

35 members, 1906.

W. F. Cole Chapter No. 5, Water Valley—			
Charter granted June 2, 1898.			
Dues paid, 1904	10.25		
Dues paid, 1905	10.50	20.75	
42 members, 1905.			
Ruth Chapter No. 6, Oklahoma—			
Charter granted February 16, 1900.			
Dues paid, 1904	11.75		
Dues paid, 1905	11.75		
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	4.90	28.40	
49 members, 1906.			
Rebecca Chapter No. 7, Oxford—			
Charter granted March 25, 1901.			
No dues paid since 1901.			
34 members, 1901.			
Durant Chapter No. 8, Durant—			
Charter granted September 10, 1902.			
No dues ever paid.			
16 Charter members.			
Crystal Springs Chapter No. 9, Crystal Springs—			
Charter granted February 19, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1904	8.00		
Dues paid, 1905	6.75		
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	2.60	17.35	
26 members, 1906.			
Magdelene Chapter No. 10, Nettleton—			
Charter granted March 16, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1904	4.50		
Dues paid, 1905	5.50		
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	2.30	12.30	
22 members, 1906.			
Meridian Chapter No. 11, Meridian—			
Charter granted August 4, 1905.			
Dues paid, 1905 (seven months)	31.79		
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	23.95	55.74	
230 members, 1906.			
Prentiss Chapter No. 12, Booneville—			
Charter granted January 23, 1906.			
Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	5.92	5.92	
57 members, 1906.			

Woodville Chapter No. 13, Woodville—		
Dues paid, 1906, (five months)	2.31	2.35
37 members, 1906.		
Wilson Chapter No. 14, Stonewall—		
Charter granted April 11, 1906.		
Charter granted April 30, 1906.		
44 charter members.		
La Grange Chapter No. 15, Mathiston—		
Charter granted May 29, 1906.		
22 charter members.		
Gloster Chapter No. 16, Gloster—		
Charter granted May 25, 1906.		
19 charter members.		

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin—		
Charter granted August 2, 1882.		
Dues paid, 1904	11.75	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	7.31	19.06
39 members, 1905.		
Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson City—		
Charter granted February 1, 1886.		
Dues paid, 1904	23.25	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	18.94	42.19
101 members, 1905,		
Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno—		
Charter granted March 31, 1886.		
Dues paid, 1904	50.50	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	40.32	90.82
215 members, 1905.		
Martha Chapter No. 5, Wadsworth—		
Charter granted by G. C. of California.		
Dues paid, 1904	20.00	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	16.15	36.15
86 members, 1905.		
Silver State Chapter No. 6, Winnemucca—		
Charter granted by G. C. of California.		
Dues paid, 1904	24.50	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	19.70	44.20
105 members, 1905.		

Argenta Chapter No. 7, Virginia City.		
Charter granted by G. C. of California.		
Dues paid, 1904	30.75	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	24.00	54.75
128 members, 1905.		
Iphigenia Chapter No. 8, Eureka—		
Charter granted by G. C. of California.		
Dues paid, 1904	12.50	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	9.95	22.45
53 members, 1905.		
Sabra Chapter No. 9, Delamar—		
Charter granted May 10, 1900.		
Dues paid, 1904.	7.25	7.25
29 members, 1904.		
Turquoise Chapter No. 10, Tonopah—		
Charter granted October 28, 1902.		
Dues paid, 1904	11.75	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	8.96	20.71
51 members, 1905.		
Ruth Chapter No. 11, Lovelock—		
Charter granted May 20, 1904.		
Dues paid, 1904	10.25	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	7.90	18.15
42 members, 1905.		
Myrtle Chapter No. 12, Fallon—		
Charter granted June 16, 1905.		
Dues paid, 1905 (four months)	2.20	2.20

NORTH CAROLINA.

Center Grove Chapter No. 1, Center Grove—		
Charter granted July 30, 1890.		
No dues ever paid.		
27 charter members.		
Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 2, Ore Hill—		
Charter granted April 29, 1903.		
Dues paid, 1904	13.50	
Dues paid, 1905 (five months)	4.22—	17.72
41 members, 1905.		

Potecasi Chapter No. 3, Potecasi—			
Charter granted March 23, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903	8.25		
Dues paid, 1904	8.75		
Dues paid, 1905 (five months)	3.65—	20.65	
35 members, 1905.			
Golden Rule Chapter No. 4, Pittsboro—			
Charter granted July 7, 1903.			
Dues paid, 1903 (nine months) .	6.50—	6.50	
26 members, 1903.			
St. Mary's Chapter No. 5, Winton—			
Charter granted June 5, 1903.			
No dues ever paid.			
12 charter members.			
Signet Chapter No. 6, La Grange—			
Charter granted June 2, 1903.			
No dues paid since 1903.			
23 charter members.			
Tallcott Chapter No. 7, Washington—			
Charter granted May 31, 1904.			
No dues ever paid.			
32 charter members.			
Lois Chapter No. 8, Red Springs—			
Charter granted February 2, 1905.			
Dues paid, 1905 (five months)	2.82	2.82	
21 charter members.			
Siler City No. 9, Siler City—			
Charter granted May 1, 1905.			
31 charter members.			
Grace Chapter No. 10, Murphy—			
Charter granted May 1, 1905.			
20 charter members.			
Clay Chapter No. 11, Hayesville—			
Charter granted May 1, 1905.			
50 charter members.			
Esther Chapter No. 12, Asheville—			
Charter granted May 1, 1905.			
34 charter members.			

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Vance Chapter No. 2, Vance—

Charter granted October 8, 1895.

No dues paid since 1902.

18 members, 1902.

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Orangeburg—

Charter granted July 6, 1896.

Dormant. No dues ever paid.

20 charter members.

Greenwood Chapter No. 4, Greenwood—

Charter granted April 26, 1897.

Dues paid, 1904.....	18.75	
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Dues paid, 1905.....	15.75	
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Dues paid, 1906.....	16.75	
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Dues paid, 1907 (five months).....	8.75—	50.00
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70 members, 1907.

Charity Chapter No. 5, Elloree—

Charter granted October 22, 1897.

Dormant. No dues paid since 1898.

18 members, 1898.

Electa Chapter No. 6, Greenville—

Charter granted August 7, 1899.

No dues paid since 1900.

Charter surrendered September 29, 1906.

47 members, 1900.

Esther Chapter No. 7, Columbia—

Charter granted August 16, 1900.

No dues ever paid.

44 charter members.

Electric City Chapter No. 8, Anderson—

Charter granted September 11, 1900.

No dues paid since 1901.

56 members, 1901.

Ruth Chapter No. 9, Newberry—

Charter granted November 19, 1902.

No dues paid since 1902.

38 members, 1902.

Palmetto Chapter No. 10, Mullins—

Charter granted May 1, 1905.

Dues paid, 1905 (nine months).....	6.37	
Dues paid, 1906.....	9.75	
Dues paid, 1907 (five months).....	4.87	20.39

39 members, 1907.

Esscon Chapter No. 11, Marion—

Charter granted July 27, 1905.

Dues paid, 1905 (eight months)	5.17	
Dues paid, 1906	8.25	
Dues paid, 1907 (five months).....	4.13—	17.55

33 members, 1907.

Fort Mill Chapter No. 12, Fort Mill—

Charter granted July 6, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906 (seven months)	7.00	
Dues paid, 1907 (six months)	5.88—	12.98

47 members, 1907.

Seneca Chapter No. 13, Seneca—

Charter granted Dec. 19, 1906.

Dues paid, 1907 (six months)	3.50—	3.50
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28 members, 1907.

Adah Chapter No. 14, Laurens—

Charter granted Nov. 14, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906 (two months)	2.58	
Dues paid, 1907 (five months)	8.62—	11.20

69 members, 1907.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City—

Charter granted June 6, 1892.

Dues paid, 1904	43.25	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	27.56—	70.81

147 members, 1905.

Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City—

Charter granted April 21, 1894.

Dues paid, 1904.....	18.25	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	14.81—	33.06

79 members, 1905.

Valley Chapter No. 3, Provo City—

Charter granted May 17, 1897.

Dues paid, 1904	10.00	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	7.15—	17.15

38 members, 1905.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Ogden—

Charter granted December 25, 1899.

Dues paid, 1904	33.25	
Dues paid, 1905 (nine months)	26.06—	59.31

139 members, 1905.

Mizpah Chapter No. 5, Salt Lake City—

Charter granted Sept. 20, 1905.

53 charter members.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland—

Charter granted May 3, 1899.

Dues paid, 1904	14.25	
Dues paid, 1905	16.75—	31.00

67 members, 1905.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Hilo—

Charter granted March 15, 1899.

Dues paid, 1904	15.50	
Dues paid, 1905	14.75	
Dues paid, 1906	13.00—	43.25

52 members, 1906.

Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu—

Charter granted February 28, 1901.

Dues paid, 1904	17.75	
Dues paid, 1905	22.50	
Dues paid, 1906	23.00—	63.25

93 members, 1906.

Lei Aloha Chapter No. 3, Honolulu—

Charter granted May 3, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906	19.25—	19.25
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77 members, 1906.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Mayon Chapter No. 1, Manila—

Charter granted January 11, 1905.

Dues paid, 1905	13.25	
Dues paid, 1906	17.75—	31.00

71 members, 1906.

CANADA.

Mountain View Chapter No. 1, Olds, Alberta.

Charter granted April 27, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906 (nine months)	5.00—	5.00
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27 members, 1906.

Yukon Chapter No. 1, Dawson, Yukon Ter.—

Charter granted November 15, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906 (five months)	3.00—	3.00
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28 members, 1906.

Alaska Chapter No. 1, Nome, Alaska—

Dispensation issued May 27, 1907.

43 petitioners for charter.

MEXICO.

Cananea Chapter No. 1, Cananea—

Charter granted May 3, 1906.

Dues paid, 1906 (nine months)	10.45—	10.45
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55 members, 1906

Miscellaneous dues received from Chapters
where Grand Chapters were organized last
term—

Grace Chapter No. 13, Wellborn, Florida—

Dues paid, 1904 (five months)	3.03	3.03
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Electa Chapter No. 5, Luray, Virginia—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	4.00	4.00
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Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, Hinton, W. Va.—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	3.25—	3.25
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Ruth Chapter No. 7, Middelbourne, W. Va.—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	4.88	4.88
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Huntington Chapter No. 8, Huntington, W. Va.—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	7.88	7.88
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Dundee Chapter No. 1, Dundee, Scotland—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	4.25	4.35
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Fidelity Chapter No. 2, Glasgow, Scotland—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	6.25	6.25
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Alexandra Chapter No. 3, Glasgow, Scotland—

Dues paid, 1904 (six months)	5.37	5.37
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RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters July 15, 1904	45
Organized since July 15, 1904.....	25— 70
Chapters released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:	
Nevada	11
Utah	5
North Carolina	12
Mississippi	17
South Carolina	12
India released to Scotland Grand Chapter.....	2
Surrendered chapters	2
Under jurisdiction of Genl. Grand Chapter.....	9— 70
Membership released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:	
Nevada	842
Utah	456
North Carolina	331
Mississippi	719
South Carolina	539
Total membership released	2,887
9 chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, total membership.....	442
4992 chapters in 47 Grand Chapters which are constituent members of the Genl. Grand Chapter..	359,689
394 chapters in New York, New Jersey and Scotland..	31,466
5395 chapters, with total membership of.....	391,597

RITUALS.

Rituals on hand, July 15, 1904, cloth	5,678
" on hand, July 15, 1904, morocco....	166
" purchased since above date, cloth...	36,583
" purchased since above date, morocco.	302
" returned	8
Total to be accounted for	42,737

Rituals sold	35,363
" on hand, cloth	7,088
" on hand, morocco	149
Miscellaneous loss and duplicate orders	49
Old Rituals exchanged and burned	88
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Total accounted for	42,737

PAYMENT OF MILEAGE.

The General Grand Chapter at its last session ordered "that officers who have been regularly installed and members of all standing and special Committees notified of their appointment as such previous to the opening of this Convention, who are attending this session of the General Grand Chapter, be allowed mileage at the rate of two cents per mile one way ; and per diem for a period not exceeding three days, at the rate of two dollars per day for the actual time in attendance upon the session of this General Grand Chapter.

Provided, that no person shall receive such mileage or per diem where provision is made or will be made for the payment of his or her expenses or any part thereof, by this Grand Body or the Grand Chapter of which such officer or member of Committee is a member. That no mileage and per diem combined shall be allowed to any one person in excess of \$40, except as now constitutionally provided."

Through the kindness of Mr. George F. Lee, Chicago , Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, a list of miles was made by the rate-clerk, who is detailed for this particular work, and from *this list* the mileage was paid by warrant.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

Grand Chapter of North Carolina, at Asheville, May 20, 1905.
Grand Chapter of Nevada, at Reno, September 19, 1905.
Grand Chapter of Utah, at Salt Lake City, September 20, 1905.
Grand Chapter of Mississippi, at Meridian, May 29, 1906.
Grand Chapter of South Carolina, at Greenwood, June 1, 1907.

Calls were made for the organization of the above named Grand Chapters through this office, under the authority of Mr. William F. Kuhn, M. W. Grand Patron, with the exception of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Official notices of recognition were all issued by the same authority, and will be reported by him.

SECRET WORK.

The Secret Work has been printed in cipher and full print and furnished to Grand Chapters as they have ordered it, through the Grand Secretaries and Grand Matrons.

PETITIONS FOR CHARTER.

There have been twenty-three petitions for charter received at this office since Sept. 19, 1904. Dispensations and charters have been issued under the authority of the M. W. Grand Patron, William F. Kuhn, in whose report they will appear in full.

It is very gratifying to be able to report the Order extended into new territory, as has been the case during this term, one Chapter each having been organized in Alaska, Yukon Territory, and Mexico.

TIME OF MEETING.

The Committee provided for to select the time of meeting did so, and named September 4, 1907, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having been selected as the place at the last session of the General Grand Chapter, and due notice was given the Order at large.

RITUALS.

The M. W. Grand Matron presiding at the Ninth Session of the General Grand Chapter at Washington, D. C., Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, presented an amendment to the Ritual to strike out the word 'fourteen' and insert the word 'seventeen',

making the Chaplain, Marshal and Organist regular officers. their duties to be defined and printed in the Ritual, to conform to such amendment.

This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported favorably, and the amendment was adopted. The Constitution provides that an amendment to the Ritual must be adopted at one regular meeting, by a majority vote, lie over until the next meeting, then if adopted by a two-thirds vote, it becomes a part of the Ritual. (See page 154 9th session).

At the same session a Memorial was presented by Mrs. Laura B. Hart, in behalf of Texas Grand Chapter, asking that the Ritual be printed in two books, and also for the appointment of a Committee with instructions to carry out the provisions of the Memorial. (See page 124).

Also at this same session, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania presented a resolution of protest (see page 127) and both were referred to a Committee, which reported through its Chairman, Willis D. Engle, as follows:

Resolved, "That a committee of five be appointed by the incoming M. W. Grand Matron to so revise and arrange the Ritual that it may be printed in two volumes, one containing only the Secret Work, and the other the balance of the Ritual, and report to the next meeting of this body for primary action." (See page 163).

The resolution was adopted, and Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, M. W. Grand Matron, appointed Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Willis D. Engle, Mary C. Snedden, Lorraine J. Pitkin and Mrs. Laura B. Hart as such committee.

At the Tenth Session, held in Detroit, Michigan, the Committee on Unfinished Business, Henry L. Stillson, Chairman, (page 150) reported that they found all undetermined matters of Ritual had been referred to the Special Committee on Ritual, so took no action upon that part of the Unfinished Business which was laid over from the previous session, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Ritual reported through its Chairman,

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, and the matter of detailing the duties of the Chaplain, Marshal and Organist was considered by the Committee, but was not recommended for adoption, so that part of the Ritual remained the same, as it would have necessitated an entire new set of plates.

The amendments to the Ritual as adopted at that session were printed on slips and distributed as ordered by the General Grand Chapter.

In preparing the amendments, I took the precaution to send a copy to each member of the Committee; also the presiding M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron, and have in writing the approval of them all so far as the correctness of the printing of the slips are concerned.

The report of that Committee and the original minutes showing the action of this body at Detroit is now in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee, and I would respectfully ask that they be instructed to examine the same and verify the above statement, which is presented at this time.

It is impossible for anyone to realize what the numerous details of this office have been during the past eighteen years. Postage or express is paid on Rituals where the express charges are less at "special prepaid rates," the bill for the amount being sent to the Grand Secretary, and one can easily appreciate how much additional work this requires, but it has always been willingly done. Express charges are prepaid on all other supplies since no discount is given Grand Secretaries from the price-list.

Upon order of Grand Secretaries we send out Rituals from one copy up, and it requires just as much time to carry on our books the charge of the one copy and postage, as it does for 100 Rituals or more. This explains the items of Postage and Express under the head of RECEIPTS.

Scarcely a day passes but I receive orders with money for Rituals from someone of the five thousand Secretaries in the United States. This necessitates notifying them that orders for all Rituals must come through the Grand Secretary of their state, whose name and address we give them. I then

write the Grand Secretary of that state asking if I shall fill the order for the Rituals, charge the same and send them the bill, giving them credit for the amount of money received from their jurisdiction. Some times I am instructed to do this, and then again I am instructed to return the money to the party ordering.

Quite a little complaint has reached this office regarding Secretaries of subordinate Chapters selling Rituals in neighboring states where the sale of same has been curtailed, and in the cases above cited, it requires time, patience and much correspondence to satisfactorily adjust matters.

Since it is the duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary to act as Financial Agent of the General Grand Chapter in the purchase and sale of Rituals and such other articles as yield a revenue to its treasury, it may not be out of place at this time to call your attention to such conditions as may affect its revenue.

The General Grand Chapter was called into existence to meet a special emergency,—that of arranging and publishing a Ritual which should be uniform in work and price, and it adopted the first Ritual May 10, 1878. (See page 12, 2nd Session). It provided for a Committee of three "to arrange and have it printed." It was also "ordered that the price at which the Ritual shall be sold shall not exceed 80 cents per copy." (Page 16, same session) .

It was my pleasure to be present at that session as proxy of the Grand Matron of Illinois, and I know that uniformity in price of the Ritual to the members of the Order at large was most earnestly discussed at that time, and the General Grand Chapter legislated for the protection of its members, regardless of locality. The only Ritual published at that time sold for one dollar per copy, and the publisher printed a new issue nearly every year, so that uniformity of work was impossible.

The Chairman of the Printing Committee, Mr. T. M. Lamb of Massachusetts in his closing address to the General Grand Chapter (see page 12 Appendix) said in substance:—that fears had been expressed that this grand Body would be an expensive and otherwise burdensome institution, but he took

pleasure in reporting that the revenue had taken care of the expenses, notwithstanding the Ritual would be sold at 20 per cent. less than any heretofore sold, and still be a source of revenue to the General Grand Chapter.

In 1880, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. T. M. Lamb, M. W. Grand Patron, appointed to arrange and print the Ritual, reported in his address to the General Grand Chapter as follows:

"It is a significant fact that while the members obtain our Ritual at twenty-five per cent. less than the cost of those previously in use, yet most of the Grand Chapters will derive an income from their sale sufficient to defray the expenses of one or more delegates to nearly all of the regular meetings of the General Grand Chapter." -See page 38 3rd Pro.)

The Committee on Ritual made the price of same 50 cts. each to Grand Chapters and 75 cts. each to subordinate chapters and members. It will be noted that when the price of Rituals is mentioned as above quoted, *members of the Order* are specified without exception. In 1892 I submitted price-list of supplies which were sold for the benefit of the General Grand Chapter, and therein the Rituals were listed at "50 cts. each to Grand Chapters" and "75 cts. each to subordinate Chapters and members," and it was adopted.

When Grand Chapters were organized I have given them the information that Rituals were sold to Grand Chapters at 50 cts. each, they paying the cost of transportation. Other supplies go prepaid express, since no discounts are made Grand Secretaries from this list, but they have been advised that they must charge their subordinate chapters and members 75 cts. for each copy of the Ritual. When receiving orders accompanied by money for Rituals, I found that in two or three Grand Chapters they were charging \$1.00 each per copy. Desiring to learn if the price of the Ritual in all Grand Chapters was uniform I wrote the Grand Secretaries and learned that all but three adhered strictly to the above named prices. One state had never taken action in the matter, but the grand officers had made the price. I sent them a file of the

Proceedings calling their attention to certain portions, when they decided that the price of the Ritual was determined by the General Grand Chapter, and made theirs according.

I feel a personal pride in being able to report to you a balance in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six dollars and seventy cents (\$16,596.70).

From the reports of Grand Secretaries and our own, I am able to report a membership of Three Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-seven, in Five Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-five Chapters, and these figures will be somewhat augmented in the next issue of the Proceedings, as many Grand Secretaries were unable to give me the correct membership in their respective jurisdictions on July 15, 1907, since their reports were not due from their subordinate chapters.

What can I say in acknowledgment of the many kindnesses extended to me by members of the Order wherever I have been during the past eighteen years that I have served you as R. W. Grand Secretary!

I take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the several Grand Secretaries who have so kindly remembered this office with invitations to their annual sessions, copies of their proceedings, etc. Also to the Eastern Star and Masonic Editors who never forget us. We also greatly appreciate the receipt of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges A. F. & A. M., and while it is our desire to acknowledge all these courtesies at the time, it is not always possible.

Nothing inspires one to greater effort than the confidence expressed by the suffrage of those who permit us to enjoy a position of honor and trust. In 1878 this grand body elected me R. W.A. Grand Matron; in 1880 Most Worthy Grand Matron, and in 1883 R. W. Grand Secretary. At that session I resigned, and six years later you again called me to serve you in this capacity. During all these years it has been my con-

stant aim to merit your approval, and so I have given you and the Order the very best service of my life.

To my superiors in office I tender my deepest gratitude for every courtesy and consideration received at their hands, and with kindness for all and malice toward none, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS
OF RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY

OF
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION,
St. Louis, Mo., 1904.

LEWIS & CLARK EXPOSITION,
Portland, Oregon, 1905.

REPORT OF
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
Chicago, July 15, 1907.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,

SISTERS AND BROTHERS: At the last session of the General Grand Chapter held in St. Louis, Missouri, it was ordered that the money on hand at the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition should be pro rated and returned to the several Chapters and Grand Chapters contributing the same; also that any property on hand at the close of the Exposition should be converted into money by the Committee having the matter in charge, and the proceeds derived from the sale of the same disposed of in a like manner. And further, an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures, including the matter of the sale of any property that may be

on hand at the close of the Exposition and the final disposition of the entire fund after all proper charges have been paid, should be made to this Grand Body at its next stated meeting.

Acting strictly under the instructions of the M. W. Grand Matron, I pro rated the balance as shown in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, \$1139.24, as follows:

Alabama	\$ 3.50
Arizona	3.70
Arkansas	17.60
California	84.75
Colorado	47.25
Connecticut	22.90
District Columbia	18.65
Georgia	4.75
Honolulu	1.00
Iowa	121.35
Illinois	138.35
Indian Territory	1.00
Indiana	44.70
Idaho	7.16
Kansas	38.46
Louisiana	8.10
Maryland	2.70
Michigan	11.10
Massachusetts	22.45
Minnesota	58.65
Montana	11.18
Missouri	160.70
Nebraska	19.55
Nevada	1.00
New Jersey	10.65
New Hampshire	5.62
New York	20.05
North Dakota	16.40
New Mexico	4.35
Ohio	19.85
Oklahoma	16.55
Oregon	37.75
Pennsylvania	7.20
Rhode Island	2.00
South Dakota	15.75
South Carolina .....	.50

Sub. Chaps. G. G. C.....	13.30
Tennessee.....	2.90
Texas	55.65
Vermont	17.90
Washington	10.00
Wisconsin	24.72
Wyoming	7.55

\$ 1,139.24

I sent the M..W. Grand Matron a copy of the above under date of March 29, 1905, and Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon furnished her with copy of the Financial Statement, as requested, a copy of which is also submitted with this report.

I report this matter briefly, since the correspondence relative to the disposition of this money is in the hands of the Finance Committee, and the R. W.- G. Treasurer also makes her report concerning it.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF
HOSTESS AND NATIONAL CHAIRMAN O. E. S.
OF THE
TEMPLE OF FRATERNITY, EASTERN STAR
HEADQUARTERS,
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

RECEIPTS.

For W. H. Thompson, Treas. W. F. Building Assn.....	\$ 3,250.00
April 18, for Mrs. H. Ercanbrack, R. W. G. T.....	500.00
July 11, " " " " "	500.00
Oct. 17, " " " " "	235.00

Total\$ 4,485.00

Received from Sale of Furniture.....	\$ 156.00
" " " " Unused Tickets	10.00
" " " " Spoons	4.50
Grand Total	\$ 4,655.50
Expenses	4,617.76
Balance	\$ 37.74

The sum still remaining in Mrs. Ercanbrack's possession together with this balance amounts to \$1289.24.

Fraternally submitted,
SALLIE E. DILLON,
Chairman.

St. Louis, Feb. 4., 05.

I have carefully examined the within accounts and find same correct.

LOUIS MOLLER,
Grand Patron, Mo.

RECEIPTS FROM ARTICLES SOLD.

Desk and Ink Stand	\$ 8.00
Chair	2.00
Screen	4.00
Small Table	1.50
Music Cabinet	10.00
3 Jardinieres	5.50
Wardrobe	10.00
Couch	21.00
Rocking Chair	4.50
Carpet and Rugs	35.00
Draperies,	25.00
Powder Box	1.00
Ink Stand	1.25
Pedestal	1.50
Waste Basket	1.00
Tabouret .....	.50
Vases	1.25
Chair	2.00
Drapery Net	5.00
Palms	4.00
Ladle .....	.75

Glasses .....	.75
Clock	1.50
Comb and Mirror	1.50
Doylies	2.50
Total	\$ 151.00
Stoves	5.00
	\$ 156.00

EXPENDITURES.

W. H. Thompson, Treas. W. F. F. B. Assn.....	\$ 3,250.00
Custodians' Tickets	55.00
Framing Pictures	9.65
Desk, Chair and Pedestal	19.25
Jardiniere and Vases	4.25
Desk Trimmings	1.98
Dinners	1.50
Stationery	1.75
Flowers	56.70
Library Table & Chairs etc.	32.25
Jardiniere & Waste Basket.....	6.75
Picture Wire & Nails .....	.50
Doylies	9.50
Palms	10.00
Fern	2.50
Temple Inn — Dinners	2.05
Clearing Varnish from Floor	2.50
Leather Pillow	6.50
Printing Pamphlets	6.75
Salary of Custodians	321.75
Ice	13.70
Incidental expenses, Postage etc.	56.25
Carpets, Rugs and Drapes	165.10
Clock	2.25
Pitcher and Tray	10.25
Invitations	7.00
Paper and Envelopes	12.00
Cards	5.65
Souvenir Spoons	70.50
Ink Stand	2.50

Half-tone plate	3.25
Chair	3.75
Souvenirs	7.50
Programmes	2.00
Cooler, Bucket and Door cord	10.75
Printing Pamphlets	7.50
Dinner to Hostesses	28.00
Hardware	2.15
Souvenirs	3.50
Photographs on tickets	4.50
Refreshments at reception to M. W. G. Matron.....	38.00
Insurance	13.40
Flags	3.75
Screen	7.75
O. E. S. cards	3.25
Plate and Powder Box	7.50
Entertainment — Mrs. Laura B. Hart	9.50
Tabouret	1.50
Porters and Maid — Services	16.75
Cashing Checks from Mrs. Ercanbrack	2.25
Packing and Expressing Pictures	4.25
Packing and Expressing Gifts	2.75
Moving Furniture	7.00
Photographs	8.00
Telephone	68.60
Awning	22.53
Dinner to M. W. G. W. and chairmen of States.....	33.00
Couch	38.00
Souvenirs	2.20
Silk Drape and Painting Floor	35.25
Music for Reception	18.00
Vase	3.50
Music Cabinet	17.50
Jardiniere and Vase	4.60
Glasses	1.38
Fans .....	.45
Stoves	10.00
Care of Stoves and Oil	10.00
Ribbon	4.37
Souvenirs	3.50

Total\$ 4,617.76

FURNISHINGS OF EASTERN STAR HEADQUARTERS.

Carpet, sold.
Draperies, sold.
Wardrobe, sold.
Couch, sold.
Two small chairs, sold.
Three rugs, sold.
Two oil stoves, sold.
Writing desk, sold.
Music cabinet, sold.
Library table, Masonic Home of Missouri.
Small table, sold:
Three Vases, two sold, one sent to Masonic Home of Kansas.
One powder box, sold.
One china plate, Mrs. Laura B. Hart.
Two ink stands, sold.
One leather pillow, Masonic Home of Missouri.
One carpet sweeper, Masonic Home of Missouri.
Three Jardinieres, sold.
Pedestal, sold.
Water pitcher and tray, Iowa Masonic Home.
Large Tray, Missouri Masonic Home.
Filter — Water cooler, Missouri Masonic Home.
Awning, Missouri Masonic Home.
Screen, sold.
Rocking chair, sold.
Comb and mirror, sold.
Two palms, sold.
Fern, dead.
Tabouret, sold.
Punch bowl and glasses — Bowl broken, glasses sold.
Ladle, sold.
Clock, sold.

State of Missouri, }
City of St. Louis, } ss

Sallie E. Dillon, National Chairman, O. E. S., being duly sworn on her oath, personally appeared before me, and says,

that the above and foregoing statement of account is correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

SALLIE E. DILLON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 4th day of February 1905.

My commission expires November 7, 1905.

JAMES M. FARRAR,

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

I Signet framed was sent to the Eastern Star Home at Macon, Illinois. Pictures in the Eastern Star room were loaned from Picture Department, of the Grand Leader, St. Louis, Mo.

REPORT OF

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Chicago, July 15, 1907.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

I take pleasure in reporting contributions received at the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary for the maintenance of the Eastern Star Headquarters at the Lewis & Clark Exposition held at Portland, Oregon, June 1—October 14, 1905, as follows:

Mar. 23, 1905.	Ruth C., Nev.	\$.40
" 22, "	Indiana G. C.	11.00
" 30, "	Magdalene C., Miss ....	.45
April 1, "	Vermont G. C.	7.53
" 3, "	Argenta C., Nev.	5.00
" 13, "	Valley C., Utah	1.00
" 13, "	Indiana G. C.	47.38
" 13, "	Penna. G. C.	11.18
" 14, "	Turquoise C., Nev.	5.00
" 14, "	Alpha C., B. C.	1.00
" 17, "	Iphigenia C., Nev.	1.00
" 19, "	Adah C., Nev.	2.00

April 21, 1905.	Okla. G. C.	29.35
" 22, "	Electa C., Nev.	1.00
" 24, "	Dist. Col. G. C.	28.55
" 24, "	Florida G. C.	5.51
" 24, "	Mountain C. Utah	2.31
" 27, "	Queen Esth. C., Utah	5.00
" 28, "	Wisconsin, G. C.	75.06
May 1, "	Missouri G. C.	63.52
" 1, "	Kansas G. C.	61.89
" 1, "	So. Dak. G. C.	48.94
" 1, "	Nebraska G. C.	45.50
" 1, "	No. Dak. G. C.	34.73
" 1, "	New Hamp. G. C.	15.72
" 1, "	Ind. Ter. G. C.	11.19
" 1, "	Vermont G. C.	11.59
" 1, "	Louisiana G. C.	10.95
" 1, "	Arkansas G. C.	8.26
" 1, "	Tennessee G. C.	4.42
" 2, "	Idaho G. C.	39.25
" 2, "	Penna. G. C.	17.28
" 2, "	W. Va. G. C.	11.55
" 3, "	Virginia G. C.	9.35
" 3, "	Louisiana G. C.	1.00
" 3, "	Alabama G. C.	7.87
" 4, "	Arizona G. C.	18.70
" 4, "	Kentucky G. C.	14.84
" 5, "	Indiana G. C.	44.39
" 5, "	Montana G. C.	34.65
" 5, "	Arkansas G. C.	1.75
" 8, "	Rhode Island G. C.	11.00
" 8, "	Lynds C., Utah	1.83
" 9, "	Idaho G. C.	2.50
" 9, "	Georgia G. C.	4.00
" 10, "	West Virginia G. C.	1.00
" 11, "	Oregon G. C.	129.70
" 15, "	Wyoming G. C.	7.98
" 15, "	Virginia G. C.	1.00
" 16, "	Arkansas G. C.	5.00
" 17, "	Maine G. C.	60.95
" 17, "	Colorado G. C.	56.48
" 22, "	Penna. G. C.	25.00
" 22, "	Leahi C., Hawaii	1.00
May 25, "	South Dak. G. C.	9.15
" 25, "	Kentucky G. C. ....	.78

May	23, 1905	Wisconsin G. C.	36.31
"	27, "	Massa. G. C.	66.96
"	27, "	Hawaii C., H. I.	2.50
"	24, "	Vermont G. C.	1.50
June	2, "	Penna. G. C.	6.25
"	2, "	Tennessee G. C.	4.59
"	5, "	Maryland G. C.	16.08
"	5, "	Indiana G. C.	10.71
"	6, "	Massa. G. C.	22.45
"	7, "	No. Dak. G. C.	5.17
"	7, "	Maryland G. C.	1.90
"	8, "	New Hamp. G. C.	11.57
"	13, "	Tennessee G. C. ....	.55
"	13, "	Esther C., Nev.	1.00
"	17, "	Arkansas G. C.	2.04
"	17, "	Wyoming G. C.	17.65
"	19, "	Massa. G. C.	3.77
"	20, "	Missouri G. C.	20.26
"	21, "	No. Dak. G. C.	1.36
"	22, "	Idaho G. C.	5.50
"	23, "	Kansas G. C.	24.91
"	26, "	North Dakota G. C. ....	.50
"	29, "	Oklahoma G. C.	20.33
"	30, "	Wisconsin G. C.	11.79
July	3, "	South Dakota G. C.	1.00
"	5, "	Massa. G. C.	4.48
"	7, "	Nebraska G. C.	10.29
"	12, "	Alabama G. C. ....	.50
"	24, "	Montana G. C.	14.70
"	27, "	Silver State C., Nev.	1.05
Aug.	5, "	New Hamp. G. C.	1.53
"	8, "	Indian Ter. G. C.	3.30
"	9, "	Wisconsin G. C.	5.00
"	10, "	Maine G. C.	1.64
"	11, "	Massachusetts G. C.	2.65
"	15, "	Indiana G. C.	7.20
"	28, "	Oklahoma G. C.	8.77
"	31, "	Washington G. C.	21.00
Sept.	1, "	Colorado G. C.	8.04
"	4, "	South Dakota G. C. ....	.71
Sept.	18, "	Georgia G. C.	6.00
"	19, "	New Mexico G. C.	10.90

Total\$1,478.75

Under date of Aug. 17, 1905, I was requested by the M. W. Grand Matron to go to Portland as R. W. Grand Secretary to assist in disposing of the property and closing up the affairs of the Lewis & Clark Exposition, and if possible make report to her within fifteen days after its close. I was also instructed to pro rate the amount of money left over to be returned to the Chapters and Grand Chapters contributing and submit same with the report.

In six days after the close of the Exposition, the cottage and furnishings were sold and the proceeds therefrom were in hand. We found it impossible to make a report at that time on account of some bills which had been paid but were not in hand, also there were bills to be paid which must first go to the Finance Committee for approval. Weeks passed and for some unavoidable reason the matter was not adjusted. Under date

May 7, 1906, the M. W. Grand Matron notified me that the "out bills" had been approved at Indianapolis, Ind., on April 1, 1906, that Mrs. Ransford would make note of it in the papers and the money left over from the Exposition would remain in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer until this meeting.

I was on duty as R. W. Grand Secretary *full six weeks* at expense of \$166.15, the Hostesses each serving one month.

I wish to thank the sisters and brothers of Oregon for their hearty co-operation in disposing of the effects on hand at the close of the Exposition, thereby making it possible to make a report, so far as I was concerned, within the time specified.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the above report was referred to the Committee on Distribution, as it contained some matters other than finance.

REPORT OF RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER,
MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK.

To The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 28, 1904.	To balance on hand from last report.....	\$ 9,556.43
Sept 29, 1904,	To cash from Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	\$679.66 for 1 year.....	27.18
Nov. 3, " "	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R.W. G.Sec'y	620.52
" 20, " "	" "	176.70
Dec. 21, " "	" "	448.33
Jan. 16, 1905.	" "	343.28
" 22, " "	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
	\$399.58 for 1 year....	15.98
Feb. 6, " "	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	819.24
" 18, " "	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	on \$562.21 for 1 year....	22.48
Mar. 17, " "	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	810.84
" 31, " "	" "	547.53
April 4, " "	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	\$1,291.11 for 1 year....	51.64
" 19, " "	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	\$660.58 for 1 year....	26.42
May 31, " "	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	756.72
June 7, " "	" "	581.80
July 24, " "	" "	483.82
Sept. 29, " "	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	\$706.84 for 1 year....	28.27
" 30, " "	Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on	
	\$1,500.00 for 1 year...	60.00
Oct. 3, " "	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	500.00
" 31, " "	" "	500.00
Nov. 25, " "	" "	750.00
Dec. 18, " "	" "	456.20
Jan. 5, 1906,	" "	576.66

Jan. 22, 1906.	To cash.	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$415.56 for 1 year....	16.62
" 23, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	530.75
Feb. 18, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$584.69 for 1 year....	23.38
Mar. 1, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	550.67
" 17, "	"	" "	791.87
April 4, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$1,342.70 for 1 year....	53.70
April 10, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	683.96
" 19, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$687.00 for 1 year....	27.48
May 28, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	702.73
July 2, "	"	" "	689.63
" 31, "	"	" "	830.56
Sept. 28, "	"	" "	665.76
" 29, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$735.11 for 1 year....	29.40
" 30, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$1,560.00 for 1 year....	62.40
Oct. 29, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	707.45
Nov. 4, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$617.85 for 1 year....	24.71
" 8, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	383.48
" 22, "	"	" "	500.46
" 25, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$750.00 for 1 year....	30.00
Jan. 7, 1907, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	681.89
" 22, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$432.18 for 1 year....	17.28
Feb. 7, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$1,162.52 for 1 year....	46.50
" 16, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	462.49
" 18, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$608.07 for 1 year....	24.32
Mar. 12, "	"	Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	1,623.54
April 4, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$1,396.40, 1 year....	55.85
" 19, "	"	Anamosa Nat'l. Bank, int. on	
		\$714.48, 1 year	28.57
" 24, "	"	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. G. Sec'y	1,025.96
June 1, "	"	" "	710.03

July 2, 1907.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y.	847.79
" 11, "	" "	644.35
" 29, "	" "	1,013.05
Total		<u>\$32,646.67</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Orders.

1904. By cash.

Oct. 1,	No. 539.	Laura B. Hart on acct. Appropriation.	\$ 1,000.00
" 1,	" 540.	Evelyn Hart "	30.00
" 5,	" 541.	Laura B. Hart on acct. Hotel Bill and Miscellaneous Expense at St. Louis	107.93
" 21,	" 544	W. F. Kuhn, on acct. of Mileage and per diem	11.66
" 21,	" 545.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Mileage and per diem.....	11.68
" 21,	" 546.	Harriette A. Ercanbrack on account of Mileage and per diem.....	13.48
" 21,	" 547.	Ella S. Washburn on acct. of Mileage and per diem.....	12.92
" 21,	" 561.	Mary C. Taylor on acct. of Mileage and per diem	17.50
" 21,	" 568.	Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of Ex- pense, Official visit R. W. Gr. Sec'y. Office, Chicago	20.00
" 21,	" 570.	Louise Lyon Johnson on acct. of Mileage and per diem.....	17.50
" 22,	" 556.	Edward M. Platt on acct. of Mileage and per diem	30.08
" 22,	" 563.	Laura J. Breckenridge on acct. of Mileage and per diem.....	10.68
" 22,	" 557.	Bertha M. Fordyce, on acct. of Mile- age and per diem.....	24.64
" 22,	" 573.	Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of Expense	100.00
" 24,	" 562.	Eudora Z. Pettigren on acct. of Mileage and per diem.....	17.54
" 24,	" 572.	L. Cabell Williamson on acct of Ap- propriation	200.00

Oct. 24, 1904.	542.	L. Cabell Williamson on acct of Hotel Bill and miscellaneous expense, St. Louis	92.00
" 25, "	551.	Anna D. Stoffel on acct. of Mileage and per diem	24.70
" 25, "	566.	Chas. A. Nesbit on acct. of Mileage and per diem	24.46
" 13, "	567.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary from July 15, 1904, to Oct. 1, 1904..	208.32
" 21, "	559.	William H. Norris on acct. of Mileage and per diem	13.22
" 27, "	554.	Jane A. Dixon, on acct. of Mileage and per diem	11.22
" 28, "	550.	M, Alice Miller on acct. of Mileage and per diem	17.34
" 28, "	564.	Katie I. Thomas on acct. of Mileage and per diem	12.92
" 28, "	574.	Harriette A. Ercanbrack on acct. of Appropriation	100.00
" 31, "	543.	Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of Mileage and per diem	16.82
Nov. 1, "	548.	Helen E. C. Balmer on acct. of Mileage and per diem	15.90
" 1, "	569.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Contingent Fund	500.00
" 3, "	553.	Mary Barry on acct of Mileage and per diem	24.32
" 3, "	565.	Della Bennett on acct. of Mileage and per diem	16.66
" 5, "	558.	Sadie D. McGoldrick on acct. of Mileage and per diem	20.12
" 5, "	575.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for Oct. 1904	83.33
" 7, "	560.	H. L. Stillson on acct. of Mileage and per diem	28.56
" 10, "	549.	A. C. McDaniel on acct. of Mileage and per diem	24.68
" 10, "	555.	Helen C. Cole on acct. of Mileage and per diem	28.56
" 16, "	571.	Alcena Lamond on acct. of Mileage and per diem	23.90

Nov. 22, 1904	576.	Chicago Telephone Co. on acct. Telephone Service, Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1904	15.00
" 23, "	579.	Teachenor Barttager Eng. Co. on acct of Plate for M. W. Grand Patron..	6.50
" 26, "	580.	Pantagraph Ptg. Co. on acct of Envelopes and Letter Heads for M. W. Grand Patron	15.50
" 29, "	552.	Louise Mathews on acct. of Mileage and per diem	14.30
Dec. 3, "	578.	Mrs. Alice H. Smith on acct. of Mileage and per diem	16.96
" 12, "	577.	Mrs. Nettie Ransford on acct. Printing	28.50
" 22, "	582.	Oklahoman on acct. printing Memorial Card for John D. Vincil, M. W. G. Matron's office	5.00
" 23, "	581.	J. J. Rackley on acct. of Typewriting Chair and desk for M. W. G. Matron	14.00
" 30, "	583.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of trip to Kansas City, Mo., and return.....	33.20
" 30, "	586.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. Salary Nov. and Dec. 1904	166.66
" 30, "	587.	H. J. Decker on acct. of rent from July 15, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905.....	82.50
" 30, "	588.	Mrs. E. T. Dozier on acct. of Stenographic work from July 15, 1904 to Jan. 1, 1905.....	127.00
1905.			
Jan. 3, "	584.	Pantagraph Printing Co. on acct. of printing for M. W. Grand Patron..	50.00
" 23, "	585.	The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. on acct. Fidelity Bond for R. W. G. Sec'y and R. W. G. Treas..	20.00
" 20, "	589.	Pantagraph Printing Co., on acct. of Christmas Greeting M. W. Grand Matron	45.50
" 16, "	590.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary, January 1905	83.33
" 17, "	593.	Chicago Telephone Co. on acct. of Telephone Service 1st q. 1905.....	15.00
" 22, "	592.	Scottish Rite Cathedral Assn., on acct. of proportion of electric lighting of Cathedral Sept. and Oct. 1904....	20.00

Jan. 28, 1905	594.	Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of Expenses	100.00
Mar. 23, "	591.	The Galbraith Press, on acct. of printing Pros. of 1904.....	483.25
April 1, "	596.	Robert Stewart on acct. Rituals.....	663.75
" 1, "	597.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for Feb'y and March, 1905.....	166.66
" 7, "	595.	Mrs Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of Expenses	200.00
May 5, "	598.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Telephone Service 2nd quar. 1905..	15.00
" 5, "	599.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for April 1905	83.33
" 12, "	600.	Pantagraph Printing Co. on acct. of Letter Heads and Circulars for M. W. G. Patron	16.00
" 17, "	603.	William F. Kuhn, on acct. of Expenses M. W. G. Patron	200.00
" 23, "	602.	Robert Stewart on acct. of printing Representative Appointment Blanks	75.00
June 1, "	604.	Traders Insurance Co., on acct. of Insurance on G. G. C. Supplies, three years	15.00
" 1, "	606.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct of Salary for May 1905	83.33
" 6, "	605.	The Galbraith Press on acct. of printing 300 Petitions for Charter.....	6.50
July 5, "	607.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for June, 1905	83.33
" 5, "	608.	Mrs. H. J. Decker on acct. of Office rent of R. W. G. Sec'y from Jan. 1, 1905 to July 1, 1905	180.00
" 12, "	609.	The Galbraith Press on acct. of printing Grand and Gen. Grand Chapter reports	57.00
Aug. 1, "	613.	Chicago Telephone Co. on acct. of Service July, August and Sept....	15.00
" 1, "	615.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for July, 1905	83.33
" 3, "	610.	Pantagraph Printing Co. on acct of W. F. Kuhn, Printing and Stamps..	12.00
" 3, "	611.	Pantagraph Printing Co. on acct of Printing Secret Work	35.90

Aug. 3, 1905	614.	Robert Stewart on acct. of Printing Rituals	679.60
" 4, "	612.	The Galbraith Press on acct. of Grand Sec'y Receipt Books	9.80
" 29, "	616.	Madeline B. Conkling, M. W. G. M., on acct. of travelling expenses....	200.00
Sept. 1, "	617.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for August, 1905	83.33
Oct. 21, "	619.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for September, 1905	83.33
" 25, "	618.	Mrs. Madeline B. Conkling on acct. of travelling expenses, M. W. G. M....	200.00
Dec. 6, "	620.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for October and Nov., 1905	166.66
" 11, "	622.	Madeline B. Conkling, on acct. of expenses in Utah and Nevada.....	101.33
1906.			
Jan. 6, "	623.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for December, 1905	83.33
" 6, "	624.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of office rent from July 1, 1905 to Jan. 1, 1906	180.00
" 13, "	626.	Times Journal Publishing Co., on acct. of 250 Christmas Greetings and 250 Envelopes, M. W. G. M.....	30.00
" 16, "	625.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Postage, Expenses, etc.	173.48
" 24, "	627.	Chicago Telephone Company on acct. 1st quarter, 1906, Telephone Service	15.00
" 27, "	628.	Mrs. M. B. Conkling, on acct. of Expenses as Deputy to M. W. G. Patron	130.42
Mar. 2, "	629.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for Jan'y and Feb'y, 1906	166.66
" 2, "	630.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Postage, Express, Exchange and Miscellaneous Expense	300.00
" 20, "	632.	Robert Stewart, on acct. of Printing Rituals	674.75
" 22, "	631.	Times Journal Pub. Co., on acct of Badges used at Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, M. W. G. M.....	18.75

April 10, 1905	634.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for March, 1906	83.33
" 21, "	633.	The Galbraith Press, on acct of printing 300 copies Rules and Regulations	21.00
" 21, "	636.	Mrs. M. B. Conkling on acct. of travelling expenses	300.00
" 25, "	635.	Chicago Telephone Co., on acct. of Services 2nd quarter, 1906.....	15.00
" 26, "	637.	H. D. Myrick on acct. of bonds for R. W. G. Treas. and R. W. G. Sec'y.	30.00
May 16, "	638.	Lorraine J. Pitkin on acct. of Salary for April, 1906	83.33
July 7, "	641.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of May and June Salary, 1906	166.66
" 7, "	642.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of Office rent, 6 monts, Jan'y 1, 1906 to July 1, 1906	180.00
" 9, "	639.	Witkowsky & Affeld, on acct. of Insurance on G. G. C. Supplies.....	15.00
" 9, "	640.	Robert Stewart, on acct. of Rituals, etc.	691.00
" 25, "	643.	Chicago Telephone Co., on acct of Telephone service, 3rd quarter, 1906	15.00
Sept. 3, "	644.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for July and August, 1906.....	166.66
Oct. 10, "	645.	W. R. L. Cahall, on acct. of Deputy for M. W. G. Patron	15.60
" 17, "	646.	Mrs. M. B. Conkling, on acct. of travelling expenses, M. W. G. Matron..	300.00
" 18, "	647.	Chicago Telephone Co. on acct. of Telephone Service, 4th quarter, 1906	15.00
" 29, "	648.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of Office rent, July 1, 1906 to Oct. 1, 1906....	90.00
Nov. 1, "	649.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for Sept. and Oct., 1906	166.66
" 16, "	650.	R. O. Blakeney, on acct. of Circulars and name on letter deads for M. W. G. M.	3.75
" 17, "	651.	The Galbraith Press, on acct. of printing 400 Memorials, G. G. C.....	11.50

Dec. 3, 1905	653.	The Smith Premier Typewriter Co., on acct. of repairing Typewriter for the M. W. G. Matron.....	12.25
" 6, "	652.	D. A. G. Ouzts, Deputy on acct. of organizing Chapter, for self and 5 sisters, M. W. G. P.	10.08
" 19, "	654.	Northwestern Lithographing Co., on acct. of 6,900 letter heads and second sheets for M. W. G. M.....	22.45
		and G. G. C.....	2.75
" 21, "	656.	Carqueville Lithographing Co., on acct. of furnishing 1,800 linen and bond Charters	147.59
" 27, "	655.	W. L. R. Cahall, on acct. of organizing Chapter at Seneca, S. Carolina, for M. W. G. Patron	19.03

1907.

Jan. 3, "	660.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Nov. and Dec., 1906, Salary.....	166.66
" 3, "	658.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Postage, Express, Exchange and Miscellaneous Expenses	150.00
" 10, "	659.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of 3 months rent, last quarter, 1906.....	90.00
" 12, "	661.	Warders, Elbright Printing Co., on acct. of Christmas Greetings for M. W. G. Matron and M. W. G. Patron	36.00
" 22, "	657.	Robert Stewart, on acct. of printing Rituals	682.32
Feb. 15, "	663.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary for January, 1907	83.33
" 16, "	662.	Chicago Telephone Co., on acct. of Service, 1st quarter, 1907.....	15.00
Mar. 18, "	664.	Carqueville Lithographing Co., on acct. of 1,036 Signets.....	414.40
" 19, "	665.	The Galbraith Press, on acct. 200 Memorials; 1,000 Postals and 2,000 Petitions for Dispensations	43.75
" 26, "	667.	Ross D. McIntyre, Agent, on acct. of premiumis on bonds of R. W. G. Treas, and R. W. G. Sec'y.....	30.00

April 2, 1905	668.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Febr. and March, 1907, Salary	166.66
" 2, "	666.	M. B. Reber, on acct. of Electro G. G. C. Officer; Expense 12th Triennial Session G. G. C.....	2.25
" 2, "	669.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of rent of Office 3 months, 1st quarter 1907..	90.00
" 10, "	670.	J. H. Batterman Mfg. Co., on acct. of 6,500 Envelopes for Office of R. W. Gr. Sec'y.....	16.63
May 6, "	671.	Chicago Telephone Co., on acct of Telephone service, 2nd quarter, 1907	15.00
" 13, "	673.	Robert Stewart, on acct. of Rituals etc.	673.63
June 21, "	672.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary April, 1907	83.33
July 12, "	674.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary May and June, 1907.....	166.66
" 12, "	679.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. Office rent, April 1st to July 1st, 1907.....	90.00
" 13, "	677.	The Galbraith Press, on acct. of printing	31.00
" 13, "	675.	Geo. G. Renneker, on acct. of 5 16 pp. report blanks	40.80
" 15, "	678.	On acct. Chicago Telephone Co.....	15.00
" 16, "	676.	Robert Stewart, Rituals, etc.....	662.63
" 29, "	680.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Express, Postage, Misc. Expenses.....	102.11
" 29, "	681.	Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acct. of Salary to date	41.79
" 29, "	682.	Mrs. H. J. Decker, on acct. of Rent to date	15.00
Total			\$ 16,049.98

We present the following interest bearing Certificates of Deposit on Anamosa National Bank in amount as follows:

1	Certificate of Deposit dated	Sept. 29, 1906.....	\$ 764.51
1	" " " "	Sept. 30, 1906	1,081.60
1	" " " "	Sept. 30, 1906	540.80
1	" " " "	Nov. 4, 1906	642.56
1	" " " "	Nov. 25, 1906	780.00
1	" " " "	Jan. 22, 1907	449.47

To balance on hand from last report.....	\$ 9,556.43
Received as Interest Anamosa Nat'l Bank.....	672.19
Received from R. W. G. Sec'y.....	22,418.06
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Total Receipts	\$ 32,646.67
Total Expenditures	16,049.97
Balance on hand	16,596.70

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Harriette A. Ercanbrack in account with Fraternal Building Fund,
St. Louis, Mo., and The Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition,
or Oregon Fund.

1904.			
Sept. 28,	Balance on hand from last report.....	\$	1,486.50
Oct. 16,	To cash from Pennsylvania		5.50
1905.			
Feb. 7,	" " Sallie E. Dillon.....		37.74
April 19,	" " Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on \$1,000, for 1 year		40.00
Total		\$	1,569.74

1904.			
Oct. 17,	By cash.	Sallie E. Dillon.....	\$ 235.00
" 17,	" "	Telegram50
1905.			
April 3,	" "	Lorraine J. Pitkin	150.00
" 20,	" "	Iowa, pro rata	121.35
" 20,	" "	Massachusetts, pro rata.....	22.45
" 20,	" "	New York, pro rata.....	20.05

April 20, By cash. Washington, pro rata.....	10.00
" 20, " " Michigan, pro rata	11.10
" 20, " " New Jersey, pro rata	10.65
" 20, " " California, pro rata	84.75
Total	\$ 665.85

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	\$ 1,569.74
Total disbursements	665.85
Balance on hand from Fraternal Fund	\$ 903.89

LEWIS AND CLARK CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION OR OREGON FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1905.

April 22, To cash from Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	5 122.29
May 9, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	645.77
" 31, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	316.96
June 23, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	222.03
July 26, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	93.91
Sept. 12, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	22.37
" 29, " " " Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y	55.42
" 12, " " " Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Pres. of Executive Com.	82.43

1906.

Mar. 2, " " " Mrs. Margaret Lutke, from sale of building and furniture	257.85
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1907.

Aug. 22, " " " Anamosa Nat'l Bank, int. on \$400 for 1 year	16.00
Total	\$ 2,738.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

1905.

May 17,	By cash.	Mrs Margaret Lutke, Cottage Fund..	\$ 1,500.00
" 17,	" "	Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Contingent Fund	100.00
June 23,	" "	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Printing Bill..	21.04
Sept. 16,	" "	Mrs. Mary Snedden, Expenses as Hostess	113.80
" 26,	" "	Olds, Wortman & King, Broken vases	8.50
" 26,	" "	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Expenses as Hostess	125.00
Oct. 10,	" "	Mrs. Ida M. Lewis, Expenses as Hostess	122.90
" 20,	" "	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, for O. E. S. Folders and Postage	9.40
Lec. 15,	" "	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses to Portland, Oregon.....	166.05
1906.			
Feb. 10,	" "	Mrs. Margaret Lutke, on acct. of Contingent Expenses	112.75
May 21,	" "	Oregonian	27.00
" 21,	" "	J. K. Gill & Co., Mailing Tubes.....	8.05
		On acct. of Postage for R. W. G. Treas.	5.00
Total			\$ 2,319.49

RECAPITALATION.

Receipts, Oregon Fund	\$ 2,738.92
Disbursements, Oregon Fund	2,319.49
Balance on hand, Oregon Fund	\$419.43

TOTAL RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	\$ 3,404.77
Total Disbursements	2,985.34

Which is herewith presented in form of interest bearing Certificates
Balance on hand\$ 419.43

of Deposit on Anamosa National Bank, dated Aug. 22, 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,
R. W. G. Treasurer.

Anamosa, Iowa, July 31, 1907.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron this report was referred to the Finance Committee.

A telegram of Greeting was received from the Grand Chapter of Wyoming in session, appointing a proxy for the four first officers newly elected, which was turned over to the Committee on Credentials with instructions to enter the name of Mrs. Ellen J. Tilton, Past Grand Matron, to represent the jurisdiction.

DISTRIBUTION.

Mrs. Allena D. Ward, from the Committee on Distribution, presented a report, which, upon motion of L. Cabell Williamson, was adopted, as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the Addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, do hereby submit the following report and recommendations:

We have taken pleasant note of the Greeting of our Most Worthy Grand Matron to the members of this Grand Body, and feel assured that her welcoming words have reached the hearts of all those in attendance. To those who sleep the last sleep her tribute is most tender, embodying as it does the special mention of one so well known, and who was taken so suddenly from our midst. We recommend that the report of these loved and lost be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We recommend also that that portion of the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron referring to bonds of Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; O. E. S. Headquarters at Exposition; financial statement of Most Worthy Grand Matron; bills which were not approved, and rent raised, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the subdivisions referring to new Grand Chapters organized, and subordinate chapters instituted, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That the matters contained in subdivisions relating to Waivers of Jurisdiction; By-laws approved; Special Dispensations; Dispensations refused; new Constitution and By-laws for the General Grand Chapter, Charter arrested, and Decisions of law made, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to take charge of and note of all matters connected with Ritual and its ceremonies. We realize the great importance of this in connection with our Grand Chapters, and feel that a goodly number on this Committee would benefit the cause, leaving this to the judgment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. To this Special Committee we would refer the subdivisions of Ritual; Uniformity of work; Questions and Answers under the head of "Ritual", etc. These matters your Committee considers would be better to leave to this special committee on Ritual, which it is suggested be appointed by the presiding officer.

We feel assured that the subdivision known under the heading as "date of meeting" has been decided in the best manner possible considering all things, by our officers, and therefore are glad to approve the same. We are also assured that the visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron to the State of Washington is to be heartily commended; the proof of this being the fact that that state has returned to the fold of the General Grand Chapter. It is also a great pleasure to note that so many Grand Chapters have been visited, and we do not doubt but what great benefit has ensued, in fact, your Committee know of some Grand Chapters which have been greatly benefitted, although the visits and large amount of necessary travel involved would naturally be productive of great exhaustion on the part of our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

We most certainly also approve her sentiments regarding the establishing of Order of the Eastern Star Homes, and appreciate the courtesies shown by the various Grand Jurisdictions.

That the question of proper colors for robes of officers, which is certainly an important one if we desire uniformity, be referred to a Committee of Grand Secretaries, as they have much to do with regalia of all kinds used. This Committee to decide on the advisability as to whether a uniformity of color be established and what that shall be, or whether each Grand Chapter shall decide upon its own colors.

In our Most Worthy Grand Patron's Address, he has struck at the root of the existing evils in our Order, or perhaps we should say shortcomings, with an effect that we trust will shake them from their foundations.

We recommend that those portions relating to extension of the Order and Grand Chapters be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That Circular Letter No. 1 be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

That the subdivision relating to Finances be referred to the Finance Committee.

That the portions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's and Most

Worthy Grand Patron's Addresses referring to the German Ritual be referred to a Special Committee of German scholars selected for the purpose.

We most heartily approve the subdivisions under the head of New Jersey and the Constitution, and we trust that intelligent and just legislation may ensue under both of these heads.

We recommend that the subdivision "New Jersey" be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. Our Most Worthy Grand Patron has set for us a lofty destiny, and we feel assured that his incumbency of this high office during the last Triennial period will have assisted to place the Order beyond and above the position it has occupied in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALLENA D. WARD,
MRS. ANNA EGAN MANHEIN,
MRS. LINA H. BALDWIN.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed a committee of the following Grand Secretaries to consider the colors to be used for robes for officers, to conform to the recommendation of the Committee on Distribution:

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Maine, Chairman.
Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, New Mexico.
Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Washington.
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Minnesota.
Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Alabama.
Mrs. Maria Jackson, Iowa.
Mr. J. F. Hopkins, Arkansas.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indiana.
Miss Mary Jean White, Missouri.
Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, Tennessee.
Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Wisconsin.
Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Pennsylvania.
Mr. S. Penrose Williams, Rhode Island.
Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, Oregon.
Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, South Dakota.
Mrs. Kate J. Willats, California.
Mr. Charles A. Nesbitt, Virginia.
Miss Kittie Lee Abercrombie, Oklahoma.
Mr. H. L. Stillson, Vermont.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Sec'y.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the following special Committees:

On German Ritual—

W. F. Kuhn,
William Conrad,
Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt.

On Necrology—

Mrs. Ellen E. Dobson,
Mrs. Jennie Randall.
Mrs. Nettie V. Turner.

On Ritual—

Mr. L. Cabell Williamson,	Mrs. Sarah H. Terry,
Mrs. Margaret T. Moore,	Mr. Charles A. Nesbitt,
Mrs. Sadie D. McGoldrick,	Mr. Jessie C. Bradley,
Mrs. Senie M. Hubbard,	Mrs. Alice E. Robbins,
Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing,	Mrs. Augusta V. Hunter.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor, to reconvene at eight o'clock P. M.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

FIRST DAY—EVENING.

Wednesday, September 4, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at eight o'clock, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, presiding.

The work was exemplified by the officers of the General Grand Chapter with Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, as Worthy Matron; William H. Norris, as Worthy Patron, Mrs. Emma Ocobock as Asso. Matron, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, as Secretary, and Mrs. Lottie J. Wiley as Esther.

The General Grand Chapter was called from labor until Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

Thursday, Sept. 5, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer, the morning session was declared open for business.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read communications from the Grand Chapters of Washington and Vermont, received through their respective Grand Secretaries, and upon instructions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron they were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and made a part of these Proceedings, as follows:

TACOMA, WASH., July 5, 1906.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter,
Order Eastern Star:*

Enclosed please find copy of resolutions as adopted unanimously by the Grand Chapter of Washington at its recent Session.

LIEBIE J. DEMOREST, Grand Sec'y.

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter did by a vote some years ago sever the relations existing at that time between it and the General Grand Chapter of the Order; and

WHEREAS, Although the reasons for said severance are as cogent today as they were then, and believing that our attitude has been misunderstood that this Grand Chapter still maintains its sovereign right over all matters pertaining to the legislation in this Grand jurisdiction and only recognizes the authority of the General Grand Chapter as de-

fined in Sec. 1, Art. III. of its Constitution as published in its Proceedings of 1892 as follows: "Sec. 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and their members individually"; and

WHEREAS, The power claimed to have been delegated to the General Grand Chapter was delegated to it by the Sovereign Grand Chapters of the United States of America, thus making said General Grand Chapter a creature of the Grand Chapters, with limited powers and authority and not a Supreme Grand Body, as claimed by some of its admirers; and believing that it is for the best interests of the Order of the Eastern Star that all matters pertaining to the Ceremonies should be uniform throughout the world, and that thus acknowledging the right of the General Grand Chapter to maintain control of said ceremonial work, the Grand Chapter of Washington does not surrender its right as a Sovereign Grand Body nor lose its right to withdraw from such relationship at any time it may see fit should the General Grand Chapter assume any power or authority not expressly delegated to it; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star hereby rescinds its former action in the matter.

MRS. EMMA P. CHADWICK,
E. H. VAN PATTEN,
YANCEY C. BLALOCK.

BENNINGTON, VT., July 12, 1907.

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

At the 35th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, held in Burlington, June 5, 1907, the Grand Patron recommended and the same was adopted, as follows:

"RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter requests the General Grand Chapter to revise and reprint the Ritual of the Order; and to omit from the new Ritual all its regulations applicable only to the Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction; that when the Ritual is reprinted it shall be in cipher and the syllabus of Secret Work be done away with."

This was adopted in the Committee of the whole, the Grand Matron in the chair, the Grand Patron taking the floor, and making the affirmative motion.

ATTEST:

H. L. STILLSON, Grand Secretary.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read a telegram from Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews in response to the message of sympathy ordered sent to her yesterday, and it was made a part of the records upon order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron:

ROCKFORD, IOWA, Sept. 4, 1907.

*Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Plankington House, Milwaukee, Wis.*

Thanks for the message of sympathy just received. May God bless you all. Am trying to be brave. Love to all who inquire.

JENNIE E. MATHEWS.

INVITATIONS.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary then read invitations from the Grand Chapters of Florida and Pennsylvania to the General Grand Chapter to hold its next Triennial Session, 1910, in their respective states.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced that if there were no objections, no action would be taken at this time regarding these invitations, but each state which desired to invite the General Grand Chapter to meet within its borders would be given an opportunity to speak later.

RESOLUTION.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read a resolution, which upon motion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, From time immemorial, it has been the custom of the people to honor their dead, to speak of their merits and to linger lovingly upon the recollection of their virtues; and

WHERRAS, This sentiment is peculiar to no clime and confined to no class. It is common to humanity everywhere. In the lowly cabin

of the peasant, and in the great palace of the king, the people stand with uncovered heads, and listen to the recounting of the virtues of the one who has gone before.

It is a beautiful thought and feeling that we shall be remembered after death. Let us nourish this sentiment and at least once a year turn from the affairs of the world and call up the memories of our departed friends. In so doing we shall become better women and better men.

It is a beautiful thought, too, that all members of the Order of the Eastern Star, are gathered together, in one grand memorial service, in honor of their dead.

Therefore be it Resolved, By the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star; That the last Sunday in the Month of June of each and every year from and after this date, be set apart as a memorial day for the Order of the Eastern Star;

That the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter shall at least sixty days before said last Sunday in June, issue her proclamation to the several Grand Chapters in her jurisdiction calling for the observance of said day; and the several Grand Matrons shall at least thirty days before said last Sunday in June issue their proclamation to all the Subordinate Chapters in their jurisdictions, in accordance therewith, and at the same time fix the hour of meeting. That no special Dispensation shall be required for holding such memorial services in public or private and in such place as may suit the surroundings.

Respectfully Submitted,

SOPHRONIA I. BOLIN,

Grand Matron of Ohio.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions, morning and afternoon, were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and no objections appearing, they were ordered approved as read, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

GERMAN RITUAL.

William F. Kuhn, from the Committee on German Ritual, presented the following report, and upon motion of Alexander Hug, the recommendations contained therein were adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee, to which was referred the German Ritual, would report that we have carefully examined said Ritual and find it to be a correct and careful translation of the authorized Ritual of the Order.

Your Committee therefore recommend that it be adopted and promulgated as the authorized German Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. That one thousand copies be printed as quickly as possible, in order that the German Chapters may not be hindered or impeded in their noble and glorious work. That the title page contain the following:

GERMAN RITUAL.

"Translated by Brother August Torpe of Germania Chapter No. 552, Chicago, Illinois, from the authorized English Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

"Adopted and promulgated Sept. 5, 1907, at the Twelfth Triennial Assembly, held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

In view of the fact that Brother Torpe does not desire any pecuniary reward for his excellent service, we recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered him for his meritorious labors, and a duty so exceedingly well done.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. KUHN,

MRS. MARGARET MEGENHARDT,

WILLIAM CONRAD.

Mrs. Kate A. Heath introduced Brother Torpe, who addressed the General Grand Chapter, giving the reasons why he had translated the Ritual, with the consent of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read the report of Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, which was ordered referred to the Finance Committee by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The part relating to finances appears in connection with the R. W. Grand Secretary's report, page 131, and therefore is not given here. The report is as follows:

ST. LOUIS, MO., Sept. 1, 1907.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

I herewith present my report as Hostess of the Order of the Eastern Star Headquarters, Fraternal Building, Louisiana Purchase Ex-

position. I deeply regret my inability to be present at this session to be able to present in person this report. The day previous to the opening of the General Grand Chapter I shall be greeted by over eight hundred smiling little faces returning from their vacation. Owing to this, you see how impossible it is for me to leave home; however, if not present in person I shall be in thought.

Many cheering memories come to me day by day of the pleasant hours spent at the Headquarters, the hearty hand-shakes and greetings from the many tired, weary pilgrims who came and rested.

The greetings from these and the expressions regarding the restful home, and the thanks for the many kindnesses shown them amply repaid the Hostess for all her laborious tasks.

"Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind
Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot in the days of
Auld Lang Syne."

I now leave my report in your hands. You are to judge my acts, and I feel you will charitably temper justice with mercy.

Trusting we may all have the Fidelity of Adah, Constancy of Ruth, Purity of Esther, Faith of Martha, Fervency of Electa and Love One Another, thereby making us Fairest Among Thousands Altogether Lovely.

Fraternal submitted,

MRS. SALLIE E. DILLON,

National Chairman, O. E. S., and Hostess O. E. S. Headquarters.

Upon motion of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the special hour of election was set for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Jesse C. Bradley, Grand Patron of Wisconsin, announced that the automobiles were at the door to take the delegates and visiting members for a ride about the City.

INVITATION.

Casimir J. Wood, Grand Patron of California, addressed the Assembly, and very earnestly expressed the appreciation of the Californians for the prompt assistance rendered them by the Order at large during the trials resulting from the earthquake which visited them last year. He thanked the members of the Order of the Eastern Star sincerely, heartily and gratefully for such assistance, and extended an invitation to the

General Grand Chapter to hold its next Triennial Assembly in the City of San Francisco, California.

The General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at two o'clock P.M.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

Thursday, Sept. 5, 1907.

The General Chapter was called to labor at two o'clock, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read the Minutes of the Sessions of last evening and this morning, and no objections appearing, they were approved by order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Owing to the contradictory terms of the Constitution, the Most Worthy Grand Matron ruled that no representative was entitled to a vote who had not filed a credential, which ruling was sustained.

The hour for special election having arrived, appointment was made of the following

TELLERS:

Mrs. Katherine S. Hughes,	Mrs. Kate J. Willats,
Mrs. Jennie E. Bell,	Elmer C. Patterson,
Will W. Grow,	Mrs. Mattie Davis,
George A. Pettigrew,	Charles W. Pomeroy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, from the Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, and, upon motion of W. F. Kuhn, the report was adopted as read:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, do hereby respectfully submit to your most Honorable Body, Art. XVI., Sec. 4½, page 154, Pro. 11th Session, which reads:

"All matter printed in the Ritual published by authority of the General Grand Chapter under the head of Subordinate Chapters, on pages 4 and 5, and the Article under the head of Membership on page 7; also any legislation or decisions of the General Grand Chapter shall be held as binding only on Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of this Body."

The above Article was referred to the Special Committee composed of Sterling M. Price, Joseph W. Hill and Lorraine J. Pitkin.

We furthermore submit to your notice paragraphs 1-2, page 164 of said Proceedings relative to the disposition of the funds remaining at the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis, Mo., 1904, which matter was referred to the Special Committee in charge of said Exposition.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
MRS. ESTELLA G. POMEROY.
MRS. MARY P. OUZTS.

RESOLUTION.

Casimir J. Wood, offered a resolution relative to the emblem of the Order of the Eastern Star, and upon motion of W. F. Kuhn, it was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

(This resolution was not returned to the Secretary by the Ritual Committee.)

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Ellen E. Dobson, from the Committee on Necrology, presented the following report, and, upon motion of W. F. Kuhn, it was declared adopted by a rising vote:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

To this Committee has been referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Address which relates to deceased members, and we ask for a few moments from this busy session in which to pay the last tribute of respect to those of our number who have passed away since our last session.

We find that twenty-three Grand jurisdictions have suffered bereavement in the loss of sixty members, and to them we extend our sincerest sympathy.

We note that from the golden chain of past officers of the General

Grand Chapter, four links have "fallen away in death." Only those of you who knew them best and have worked with them in past years, can fully realize what their loss means to the General Grand Chapter.

For the first time in eighteen years the immediate circle of officers of the General Grand Chapter has been broken by death. Since 1889 the Address of every Most Worthy Grand Matron has contained these words: "I rejoice that I can report that the circle of officers remains unbroken." But alas, Sisters and Brothers, these words have not been spoken at this session. The Chair of our Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Mate L. Chester, is draped with black, and "The places that have known her shall know her no more forever."

In reading the Proceedings of past sessions of the General Grand Chapter, we note the appearance each time of new names, which reappear at succeeding sessions. In the course of years, some of these names drop from the pages unrecorded. Some rise step by step until they reach the highest offices within the gift of this Order, while to others a Memorial Page is dedicated.

It is in the report of the Proceedings of twelve years ago that Sister Mate L. Chester first makes her appearance before the General Grand Chapter. She stands with "a beautiful bouquet of pink and white roses" in her hands, which she presents with words of love and appreciation to our beloved Sister Pitkin.

She reappears at subsequent sessions performing similar labors of love. At the last session she was appointed Worthy Grand Esther, which office was probably only a stepping-stone to higher honors to which a woman of her ability and energy would naturally have attained, but, "Man proposes, God disposes."

To the bereaved families of these departed sisters and brothers our hearts go out in truest sympathy. Most of us have at some time been called upon to "pass through the valley of the shadow of death," with someone near and dear to us. After we have laid them away to rest, we come back into the busy world of life, and we wonder how the sun can shine. We look on in dumb apathy while men and women come and go. We watch the industries and activities of the world's work, never ceasing;

"And the stately ships go on
To their haven under the hill.
But oh! for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

My sisters and brothers, at such times as these, what do we care for wealth and social position? What difference does it make to us whether we live in a cottage or a palace? All we want is some word of comfort, some little ray of light in the darkness of our despair.

And sooner or later it comes, and we hear a calm loving voice saying:

"Let not your hearts be troubled."

"Lo! I am with you always."

Then we remember that we have received a promise that some time, some where, we shall all meet again. "Where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. Where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor sighing, nor any more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Sister Jennie Randall, Grand Matron of Idaho, has the following beautiful thought to add to this report:

"There is no death. The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forevermore."

"And ever near us, though unseen
Those dear immortal spirits tread:
For all the boundless universe
Is life.—There is no death."

And Sister Nettie V. Turner of Florida brings us this:

"Whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are honest; whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things"; preparing our minds even as Adah for the coming of Him of whom it is written: "I am the resurrection and the life," resting in the assurance that He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also, and we shall see our loved ones face to face."

This Committee recommends that to the memory of each of these departed members a page be dedicated in the Proceedings of this Assembly.

MRS. ELLEN E. DOBSON,
MRS. NETTIE V. TURNER,
MRS. JENNIE RANDALL.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The "special order" of election was taken up, resulting as follows:

Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
William H. Norris, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Willis D. Engle, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Hrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

The election was continued until the next morning; tellers the same as today.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which had been added the names of Mrs. Elmira Foley, William H. Norris and L. Cabell Williamson to assist the said Committee in the press of business, presented a report, and upon motion of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the report of the Committee was adopted, and the decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron were approved as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's report relating to official acts, including "waivers of jurisdiction," "charter arrested," "special dispensations and refusals," "date of this Assembly," and other matters relating to the administration of the Triennial term, have carefully examined the same and would recommend that these acts be approved; and that the subject of "charter arrested" be referred to the incoming Most Worthy Grand Patron for adjustment.

Your Committee fully realize the pressure that is often brought to bear upon an executive to multiply special dispensations, and commend our Most Worthy Grand Matron for her judicial selection of the subjects for which she has granted said special dispensations.

In relation to the Grand Chapter of the State of Washington and the resolution submitted in addition to the report of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, we appreciate the action of this Grand Chapter in rescinding its edict of dissolution of fraternal relations with the General Grand Chapter, and welcome them with as much courtesy and even greater cordiality than that with which they greeted our Most Worthy Grand Matron on her visit to the Annual Convocation of 1905. In so doing we but emphasize and reaffirm the circular letter sent out by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, at the time of the reception of the said resolution.

In regard to the resolution from Vermont relative to a change in

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Ritual, both in its form and publication, we would respectfully suggest that the subject matter is inexpedient to consider at this Triennial session. The said Grand Chapter is referred to the revised Constitution reported from this Committee as a partial answer to some of the requests contained in said resolution from the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

In relation to the Memorial from Ohio; while the Committee is in full sympathy with the beautiful sentiments expressed therein, yet we deem legislation at this time impracticable, because the General Grand Chapter, all the Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters have held Memorial Services in memory of those "gone before".

In regard to the report of the Committee on unfinished Business, your Committee have embodied all the suggestions and even exceeded them in a report on Revised Constitution.

DECISIONS.

1. Question. Is the wife of a Master Mason belonging in Mexico eligible?

Answer. No. (This is just "No" because I could not see where to draw the line on recognized and unrecognized Masons of Mexico).

Approved, with the statement that the question is too indefinite to admit of any other reply.

2. Question. Can we elect as Secretary of our Chapter a person not yet a member?

Answer. No.

Approved.

3. Question. Can members from New York visit our Chapters?

Answer. Yes, provided that all brothers hailing from New York *must* be members of some chapter in said state, and present proper credentials that they are members of the Order.

Approved.

4. Question. Can a Grand Matron grant special dispensation to receive and ballot on petition at a called meeting?

Answer. No. All petitions must be received at a regular meeting and balloted on at a regular meeting, in compliance with Ritual instructions.

Approved, because it is so stated in every Constitution, grand or subordinate, of which we have knowledge. We deprecate the references to the Ritual applied to questions of law.

5. Question. What course shall be pursued to rid a Chapter of members who are found to be clandestine Masons?

Answer. Strike their names from the membership roll as Masonically ineligible.

Approved, and we would include "irregular," "bogus" and all nondescript societies calling themselves Masons.

6. Question. Would it be lawful to have photographs taken of the correct movement of the several signs and given to the Worthy Matron for a guidance?

Answer. No.

Approved.

7. Question. What is the voting sign of the Order of the Eastern Star?

Answer. Uplifting of the right hand.

Approved.

8. Question. A Mason who has lived in a jurisdiction all his life has recently married a lady from another state. Is she eligible to petition our chapter at once?

Answer. No. She must gain her individual residence by actual residence.

Approved. This decision was also approved in 1904.

9. Question. Can a Grand Chapter fix the price for Rituals that are used in its jurisdiction?

Answer. Yes; a Grand Chapter paying the General Grand Chapter the fixed price for the Ritual may sell it to the subordinate chapters or members at any price fixed by the Grand Chapter.

Approved.

10. In regard to the matter of New Jersey from the Most Worthy Grand Patron's Address, which was referred to us as follows: "The sale of Rituals to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey should cease."

Approved.

New Jersey was one of the Grand Chapters which joined in the formation of the General Grand Chapter, and, after a few years alleged to withdraw therefrom, but still continued to use the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter. In the opinion of your Committee and from the record which we would here reaffirm, the Grand Chapter of New Jersey is bound morally and legally to loyally obey all the acts, rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter to which they gave assent during the time of their *unchallenged* fealty, one of which was the non-nutilation of the Ritual. Therefore, the sale of rituals to the

Grand Chapter of New Jersey is hereby interdicted from this date, Sept. 5, 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. L. STILLSON,
 MRS. ALCENA LAMOND,
 MRS. MARGARET LUTKE,
 W. H. NORRIS,
 MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY,
 L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

Henry L. Stillson made further report, and upon motion of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the consideration of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Constitution was set for nine o'clock to-morrow morning:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the report of special committee on revised Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order of the General Grand Chapter, with the document annexed, would respectfully report:

That we have given the subject careful attention. That in the consideration of the instrument itself we have been assisted by a number of prominent members of the Order and by the Chairman of the Committee of the said special committee.

That the endeavor has been to weigh carefully every word of importance and guard the interests of the entire Order. Whether we have been successful or not we leave to the good sense of our sisters and brethren. With these preliminary remarks, the revised Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, as revised by this Committee is hereby submitted for your consideration.

H. L. STILLSON,
 MRS. ALCENA LAMOND,
 MRS. MARGARET LUTKE,
 W. H. NORRIS,
 MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY,
 L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

APPEALS.

Mrs. Mary Barry, from the Committee on Appeals, read her report, and upon motion of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, it was declared adopted as read:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron,
Officers, and Members of the General Grand Chapter:*

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report that up to the present time, no Appeals and Grievances have been laid before us, which condition would indicate that the wise government exercised during the past three years has tended towards a higher and better feeling among our members.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. MARY BARRY,
MRS. ELLIE LINES CHAPIN,
L. M. COOK.

CHARTERS.

Mrs. Annie C. Baner, from the Committee on Charters, read her report, and upon motion of Mrs. Adency Irons, it was declared adopted:

*To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:*

Your Committee on Charters would respectfully report that their duties according to the By-laws are "to examine the returns of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; their work, records and By-laws, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and shall report the same to the General Grand Chapter."

We have examined all papers submitted to us, which have been the preliminaries to and organization of twenty-four Subordinate and five Grand Chapters; the annual returns, reports and the book "Synopsis of Returns" of Subordinate Chapters.

So far as the work in organizing the Grand and Subordinate Chapters is concerned, we find that the official actions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron have in each and every instance been in strict conformity with the laws and customs governing the General Grand Chapter. We would, therefore, recommend that said actions be approved by this Grand Body.

We would further state that the files concerning dispensations and charters of subordinate Chapters and proclamations of Grand Chapters are very incomplete. We are informed by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary that there is not provision made whereby copies are preserved of these Dispensations, Charters and Proclamations issued by the General Grand Chapter. We find that there is no record of the work, by-laws and records of subordinate chapters. As a result of this

lack of information, we are unable to pass upon the proceedings of these bodies.

Your Committee would therefore recommend in order that this branch of the work can be carried forward in a systematic and business-like manner, that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed to procure books for duplicate dispensations and charters for subordinates and proclamations for the Grand Chapters. - A set of books that individual accounts can be kept with Grand and Subordinate Chapters, and a complete set of blanks for the formation of both Subordinate and Grand Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. ANNIE C. BANES,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER,
GEORGE A. PETTIGREW.

GREETINGS.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read a telegram from the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, in annual session, and upon order of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, it was made a matter of record, as follows:

MANCHESTER, N. H., Sept. 5, 1907.

Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary,

Masonic Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire now in annual session extends Greetings.

A. FRANK POTTER, for Committee.

RITUAL.

L. Cabell Williamson, from the Committee on Ritual, read the following report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Ritual, with a desire to procure general uniformity of ritual work throughout the Grand Chapters, one of the chief reasons for which this General Grand Body was organized, has carefully considered all matters referred to it, and respectfully submits the following report:

1. We approve the decisions on ritual made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, with the exception of

Question No. 2. In voting do you salute the Bible or the Worthy Matron?

Answer. Neither. The sign is given with the eyes upon the Bible, as public renewal of our obligation, reminding us to vote for the good of the Order.

Your Committee is of the opinion that each member in voting salutes the presiding officer, and before voting waits for the response.

2. In the official circular sent out by the Most Worthy Grand Matron in April, 1905, to the Grand Chapters, the use of the Square and Compass upon the altar was forbidden.

Your Committee recommends that this decision be adopted.

3. In this circular were also five decisions on matters upon which the ritual is silent.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of these suggestions. Uniformity in all these minor matters, although each state makes a little sacrifice, will tend to bring about the desired end.

4. While the ritual permits the elaboration of the opening march, it is the opinion of your Committee that the position of the officers at the end of the march should be as indicated on page 16.

5. The Associate Matron should not be escorted to her station in the opening ceremony, as the ritual does not provide for such ceremony.

6. The Worthy Matron should be escorted in a direct line to the East, passing on the South side of the altar, the Conductress being on her right.

7. Attention is called to the fact that the Ritual does not provide for the taking of a pass in the opening ceremonies.

8. The customary means of examination on page 17 contemplates a sight identification, or the usual examination as provided for in the Secret Work.

9. Persons presenting themselves for examination or avouchment should be referred to as visitors, and not as sisters, brothers or strangers. See Ritual page 74, par. 5.

10. Attention is called to the fact that the salutation sign must not be given until after the Bible is opened, as prescribed in the opening ceremony (page 30) nor after the Bible is closed (page 33), and when given should be responded to by the presiding officers in the usual manner.

11. Attention is called to a slight variation in instruction for giving raps at door of chapter room (see pages 35-37). It is the opinion of the Committee that the door must never be opened while the

chapter is in session, without the usual raps being given. The raps should always be given as prescribed on pages 13 and 14.

12. When the Associate Conductress assists in conducting candidates, she should remain with them during the entire ceremony of initiation.

13. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron should not exchange chairs when the Worthy Patron is called on to preside.

14. Attention is called to page 44 of the ritual, which requires the star officer to remain standing in her position until the Conductress and candidate have passed her.

15. The Worthy Patron should not repeat after the Conductress the cabalistic motto.

16. The Conductress should take the Bibles from the candidates before the Worthy Patron says "Arise, etc".

17. The Associate Conductress should not give signs and grip (page 63).

18. According to Diagram of Labyrinth, Figure 3, the officers should not step back of the candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,
MRS. HATTIE E. EWING,
MRS. SENIE M. HUBBARD,
MRS. SADIE D. MCGOLDRICK,
MRS. MARGARET T. MOORE,
MRS. SARAH T. TERRY,
CHARLES A. NESBITT,
MRS. ALICE E. ROBBINS,
MRS. AUGUSTA V. HUNTER,
JESSE C. BRADLEY.

The above report was considered by sections, and the favorable report of the Committee on Section No. 1 was not adopted.

The favorable report on Sections Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive was declared adopted.

Action on Sections Nos. 11 to 18 inclusive and final action on this report, was postponed until the next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, 1910.

The General Grand Chapter was called from labor until nine o'clock Friday morning.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

Friday, Sept. 6, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at nine o'clock by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer the Assembly was proclaimed open for business.

The Minutes of the Assembly of yesterday afternoon were approved as read.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, claimed the floor for the special order, prepared to read the proposed Constitution as revised by this Committee.

George A. Pettigrew moved to proceed with the election of officers, which was seconded by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, but which was ruled out by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Willis D. Engle appealed from the decision of the chair, which was denied.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron moved to sustain, not the appeal, but the chair that this document is legally and constitutionally before this body, which was carried.

COURTESIES.

The Committee on Courtesies was announced as follows:

Mrs. Kate Aull Heath,
Mrs. Annie M. Applegate,
D. A. G. Ouzts.

Willis D. Engle moved that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in reference to the Constitution be referred to the next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter for action, which was seconded and stated.

George A. Pettigrew offered an amendment that a sufficient number of copies of this proposed new Constitution be printed and sent to each Grand Chapter, to permit the Grand Chapters to instruct their next representatives as to whether they shall vote for this proposed Constitution or not, which amendment was accepted by the mover and second of the original motion.

The motion as amended was stated by the chair and declared lost; 63 votes for, and 84 against.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Action on proposed Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order.

William H. Norris, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented for consideration the report of the Committee relative to the proposed Constitution, which was taken up, read section by section, amended slightly in some of its phraseology, and as so amended was adopted *seriatim*; and, finally, as a whole was adopted, the Committee giving way at times for the consideration of minor business. At the close of the morning session, further consideration of the report of the Committee was postponed until afternoon.

ELECTION.

The report of the Tellers announced the election of Mrs. Rata A. Mills as Right Worthy Grand Conductress.

INVITATIONS.

In addition to the previous invitations extended to the General Grand Chapter to hold its next Triennial Assembly in 1910, the following were also extended:

HONOLULU, H. T., Aug. 15, 1907.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and all Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star:

GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure in behalf of Lei Aloha Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., of Honolulu, Hawaii, to extend to the General Grand Chapter an invitation to hold its next Triennial Session in Honolulu, —the Paradise of the Pacific.

Sincerely and fraternally,

MRS. MARGARET HOWARD,

Present and Past Worthy Matron and Representative.

Mrs. Ida M. Brown extended an invitation verbally from Minnesota to meet in Minneapolis, and Joseph G. Ralls for Indian Territory to meet in South McAlester.

Dr. F. P. McVay moved that the next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter be held at Jacksonville, Florida, which was duly seconded by D. A. G. Ouzts.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced that as invitations had been extended from Florida, Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, Indian Territory and Hawaii, the location would be decided by ballot. It was so ordered, and the Tellers were instructed to take them up, as the delegates left the room.

The General Grand Chapter was called from labor until 2:15 o'clock this afternoon.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Friday, Sept. 6, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2:15 o'clock P. M., the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

The Tellers reported that Jacksonville, Florida, had been selected as the next meeting place of the General Grand Chapter, receiving 143 votes.

GREETING.

The following telegram was received from Alaska Chapter No. 1, Nome, Alaska, and ordered made a part of the records:

NOME, ALASKA, Sept. 4, 1907.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Order Eastern Star,

Plankington House, Milwaukee, Wis.

Most cordial greetings from your far away northern sister.

ALASKA CHAPTER, No. 1.

Hattie May Delkin.

INVITATION.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary announced an invitation from the officers of Milwaukee Chapter No. 2 through its Worthy Matron, Mrs. Barbara Roberts, to the officers of the General Grand Chapter to attend a reception given to the

charter members of that chapter from four to six o'clock, P.M., Saturday, Sept. 7th, concluding with a banquet. Those remaining in the City at the close of the session accepted.

ELECTION.

The Tellers announced the election of Mrs. Emma Ocobock as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson moved that the General Grand Chapter tender the Tellers a rising vote of thanks for their efficient and faithful service, which was seconded and carried by a unanimous standing vote.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Further report was presented by the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration of the Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XXIX, Sec. 22, General Regulations, as presented by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was amended upon motion of Casimir J. Wood, Grand Patron of California, as follows:

a) The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive for his or her service the sum of twelve hundred (1200) dollars per year.

b) All office expenses, such as clerk-hire, office-rent, telephone and fixtures, shall be paid on vouchers audited by the Board of Trustees.

On motion of Mrs. Margaret Lutke, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, heretofore considered *seriatim*, relative to the Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order, as amended, was adopted by the required two-thirds vote.

The revised Constitution, General Regulations and Rules of Order, as adopted, appear as an Appendix to these Proceedings (see page 181).

THANKS.

Henry L. Stillson from the Committee on Jurisprudence extended his sincere thanks to the sisters and brothers who so faithfully served with him on this Committee.

FINANCE.

Joseph G. Ralls, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, and upon motion of William A. Hinsey, the recommendations of the Committee were declared adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, beg leave to submit the following report:

Under the circumstances we have not had time to visit the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office, but she has produced her books and vouchers, and we have gone through them carefully and find them *correct, well and systematically kept.*

The financial condition of this General Grand Chapter, as shown by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's books, is as follows:

Cash in hands of Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, July 15, 1907, General Fund	\$16,596.70
Merchandise in hands of Right Worthy Grand Secretary....	2,532.71
Due from Grand Chapters and others	1,064.37
Total.....	\$20,193.78

There is an additional item in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer amounting to the sum of \$419.43, which is held specially by her, the same being the balance from the St. Louis and Portland Exposition.

During the three years just closed, there has been received by our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and paid over to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$22,418.06, and in addition to this amount, the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer has collected the sum of \$672.18, as interest upon certificates of deposit in National Banks.

We find the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office has increased in business, and the increase seems to continue, as well as the financial condition of this General Grand Chapter.

TREASURER'S BOOKS.

We have examined the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer's books and find them correct and well kept. She has exhibited to your Committee a draft and certificates of deposit amounting to the sum of \$16,596.70 of the General Fund, and an additional sum of \$419.43 from the World's Fair Fund.

We find her books to show the following:

To balance on hand from last report.....	\$ 9,556.43
Received from Right Worthy Secretary during this term..	22,418.06
Received as interest on National Bank certificates.....	672.18

Total receipts	\$32,646.67
Total amount paid out on 141 Warrants drawn on the Treasurer by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary	\$16,049.97

Balance on hand at this time..... \$16,596.70

In addition to the above, there is in her hands that balance of \$419.43.

We recommend that this \$419.43 be transferred to the General Fund of this General Grand Chapter, as it arises from a matter covering a space of about four years, and to attempt to return to the various Grand Chapters their pro rate share would entail considerable expense and work upon the officers of this General Grand Chapter.

We have presented to us a bill by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary covering two items, one for engrossing charters for chapters in North Carolina, and the other for stenographer fees paid, the first being for \$17.50, and the latter for \$660.

We have examined that part of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's report on these two items, and since her report has been made, it is conceded that the charge for engrossing these charters should be paid for by this General Grand Chapter, as the engrossing thereof was ordered by our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

We have investigated the matter of the stenographer's salary and have reached the conclusion that our Right Worthy Grand Secretary should be reimbursed for this item in the sum of \$660, and in this connection we beg to submit that there are many items of expense for which there is no specific provision, but the business of this General Grand Chapter has increased so rapidly that we feel its officers should exercise their judgment and discretion in incurring such bills, and that when incurred, that we should pay them.

An investigation of the duties of the Right Worthy Grand

Secretary reveals to us an enormous amount of labor that should be performed for the good of the Order.

Again we recommend the allowance of these two items, which make a total of \$677.50.

On investigation we find that our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer has considerable duties to perform in connection with the funds in her hands, keeping the same invested, and also had considerable work in connection with the O. E. S. Headquarters maintained at St. Louis and Portland, and we therefore recommend that the sum of \$100 be appropriated to our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

We have examined the account of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and find that during the last three years she had led a strenuous life for the good of the Order, and that her expenses including postage, stationery, telegrams, miscellaneous and traveling amounts to \$1,745.44, and that of this amount the various Grand Chapters have donated the sum of \$365, and that she has drawn warrants on this General Grand Chapter for the sum of \$1,531.33 to cover these expenses; and that she has on hand the sum of \$140.89 unexpended.

We are informed by her that the expense of printing her Address amounts to the sum of \$69.85 and has not as yet been paid; that she desires to pay said amount out of the \$149.89 in her hands. On investigation we find that her expenses in attending this General Grand Chapter will amount to the sum of \$75.50.

As before stated, many items of expense cannot be foreseen or provided for, and many have no real provisions made for them. We believe that these expenses are matters that are and should be left to the judgment and discretion of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and that she should not be a figurehead, but be a real active officer, to go to such places as she believes will result to the good of the Order, and we further believe that such trips as shown in her report are a great benefit to the Order.

We therefore recommend that the account be approved, and that she be permitted to apply the \$140.89 in her hands for printing her Address and upon her expenses in attending this session.

As a slight proof of our high appreciation of her strenuous efforts and the good results coming therefrom, we recommend that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

To slightly reimburse our Most Worthy Grand Patron, William F. Kuhn, we recommend an appropriation of \$300.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH G. RALLS,
HARRIS W. HUEHL,
MRS. ADA E. GASKELL.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron asked permission to correct her report, as she had omitted entering some contributions received from Grand Chapters toward her expenses, which was granted.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, from the special committee appointed to consider the regulation colors, presented the following report, and upon motion of Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, the same was adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee appointed to decide upon official regulation colors have duly considered the same, and respectfully submit their report:

The color appropriate to the office of Worthy Matron and Associate Matron shall be purple.

For the points of the star, the color appropriate to the several degrees, and for all the remaining officers, the five colors combined.

MRS. ANNETTE H. HOOPER,

MISS MARY JEAN WHITE,
MRS. MINNIE H. MILLER,
MRS. KATE J. WILLATS,
MRS. ANGIE L. WILLIAMSON,
MRS. ELIZABETH SALTER,
MRS. LIBBIE J. DEMOREST,
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS,
MRS. MARY C. TAYLOR,
HENRY L. STILLSON,

MRS. MARY SCOTT MYERS,
MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD,
MRS. RATA A. MILLS,
MRS. MARIA JACKSON.
J. FRANK HOPKINS,
MRS. MARY R. FORBS,
MRS. HELEN M. LAFLIN,
CHARLES A. NESBITT,
MISS KITTIE LEE ABERCROMBLE.

LEWIS & CLARKE EXPOSITION.

The following reports were submitted, and upon motion were ordered printed in the Proceedings, and a rising vote of thanks extended:

PORTLAND, OREGON, Aug. 8, 1907.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

As President of the Executive Board of the Eastern Star Headquarters at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition held at Portland, Oregon, 1905, I submit to you a full report of my stewardship.

In 1903 I presented a resolution to the Grand Chapter of Oregon asking for the appointment of a Committee on Headquarters at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition in 1905, and the five highest Officers of that Grand Body were appointed as such Committee. In presenting the resolution to the Grand Chapter of Oregon I did not dream that it would result in my being put at the helm that would steer the Ship of State to an "Eastern Star Cottage" such as we maintained at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition.

At that time efforts were being made toward erecting a Temple of Fraternity, but nothing tangible had materialized. Later the Fraternal Temple Association was organized, the Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon holding the office of second Vice-President in the Association.

On my return from St. Louis in November 1904, Sister Houston, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon, placing confidence in my ability by my experience as Chairman of Oregon on the Committee of Ways and Means for the St. Louis Fraternal Temple, prevailed upon me to take the matter up, and the Exposition was scheduled to open June 1st of the year following. Therefore no time was to be wasted in debating or considering the matter.

Realizing that Oregon was not able financially to carry the full burden, I at once wrote sisters Conkling and Pitkin asking their advice and assistance. This resulted in the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Conkling, taking the matter up and assuming the responsibility, and appointing the following Executive Board:

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, P. G. M., President, Oregon.	
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, P. G. M., Vice-President, Iowa.	
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Secy., Secretary, Illinois.	
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. M. W. G. M., Indiana,	} Finance Committee.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, P. M. W. G. M., Kansas,	
Mrs. Ida M. Lewis, P. G. M., Oklahoma,	
Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, R. W. G. Treas., Custodian of the Fund,	
Iowa.	

Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, M. W. G. M., Oklahoma, } Advisory
Dr. William F. Kuhn, M. W. G. P., Missouri, } Comm.

I had no voice in the "Code of Laws" that governed the Board and did not see a copy of same until after I accepted the Presidency. Had I known the contents of the "Iron Clad Code", I would have declined to serve, for by its contents I was held personally responsible for all bills that I incurred. However, we continued to labor for the good of the cause, expecting to have Headquarters in the Temple of Fraternity. When we needed the funds that had been pledged by the various fraternal orders, the money was not ready. Hearing that the Fraternal Temple Association would fail in erecting a Temple, I began to look elsewhere for quarters and consulted brother Hodson, Chairman of the Grand Lodge A. F & A. M. Committee. He informed me that if we would withdraw from the Temple Association, they would unite with us in erecting a cottage for the exclusive use of Masons and their families and the Order of the Eastern Star. This was a bright ray of light, when hope was dim. I lost no time in informing the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron and other members of the Committee. We withdrew from the Association without paying our proportion of the expenses that had been incurred by the Association. We built our Cottage and had it open to visitors within three weeks after we secured the site. The members of the Executive Board being widely separated, the telegraph wires had to be used for all the advising I did with the other members of the Board. The haste in which I had to act at times made it impossible for me to live up to the code of laws, and placed a greater responsibility upon my shoulders. In every instance when I departed from the straight letter of the code, I advised with the Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon, Mrs. Houston, and members of her Committee, feeling that Oregon was most interested in the work of the Executive Board, and being on the ground, best understood the conditions.

To Sister Pitkin is due the honor of being the first to suggest the idea of a cottage.

To Sister Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Oregon owes a debt of gratitude for formulating the plan that not only made the Headquarters a possibility, but also a success.

The building was erected jointly with the Masonic Brotherhood of Oregon and the Eastern Star Grand Jurisdictions that contributed funds. Each assumed half of the cost of the building and the furnishings of their own half, each purchasing the furniture that we deemed most useful and comfortable for what it was intended, and withal we tried to keep a uniformity in fitting up the building.

Brother Hodson of the Masonic Committee, W. G. Matron Della

Houston and I selected and purchased the furnishings at the lowest price we could obtain. To brother J. M. Hodson, we of the Eastern Star are greatly indebted for valuable services in superintending the construction of the building and rushing it to completion as specified in the contract.

HOSTESSES.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed the following to serve as Hostesses for one month each:

Lorraine J. Pitkin, June,	Jennie E. Mathews, September,
Mary C. Snedden, July,	Ida M. Lewis, October,
Nettie Ransford, August,	Margaret Lutke, November.

Changes in the above arrangement were necessary owing to unavoidable circumstances.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received from Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, General Fund.....\$1,500.00

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of Building.....\$ 825.00

Cost of Furnishings 592.57

\$1,417.57

Returned to Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack..... 82.43

1,500.00

Total cost of building and furnishings.....\$1,417.57

Received from sale of Cottage and furnishings.. 257.85

Net cost of Cottage and furnishings.....\$1,159.72

CONTINGENT FUND.

Receipts.

Advanced by Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack.....\$100.00

Paid after bills were approved..... 112.75

\$212.75

Oregonian bill 27.00

J. K. Gill bill 8.05

Olds & King bill 8.50

43.55

\$256.30

The original cost of the building was \$1,530. Later we found we needed a kitchen and a place to serve, so added a canvassed addition at a cost of \$60, making our part of the building cost us \$825.

In the above contingent fund were included an oil stove, vases towels and other small articles which we found it necessary to have. The Oregonian and the J. K. Gill bills were contracted by me while we were a part and parcel of the Fraternal Temple Association, and I personally was held responsible for them. The Temple Association could not pay them, and I was of the opinion that it was no more than right and just that they should be paid. Upon making full explanation to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, she approved these bills and they were paid, for which I hold receipts. The bill of Olds & King for \$8.50 was in payment of loaned vases which were broken. Bills covering the above amounts were all that passed through my hands. The bills of all the Hostesses were not submitted to me for approval, and therefore I am not in position to make full report of the financial part of this undertaking.

However, I am satisfied that the Headquarters were economically managed and were what they were intended to be,—a haven of rest to the weary wayworn sightseer at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition grounds; a place where the sisters and brothers from North or South, East or West were sure of a glad handshake and a cordial welcome. Those of our members who visited our Cottage I know will ever remember it and have a greater love for our beautiful Order.

The social features of the undertaking were under the management of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Della L. Houston, Worthy Grand Matron serving until after the Annual Grand Chapter session in June, after which time the Worthy Grand Matron, Inez M. Ryan, assumed the duties of presiding as Social Hostess. All expenses for such entertainments were paid out of the fund set aside for that purpose by the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

In conclusion, permit me to say that while the undertaking was a weighty one, and at times was a source of great worry to me, nevertheless, I enjoyed the labors, knowing that the Headquarters gave comfort to many. Any mistakes made were of the head and not of the heart, and if the work meets with your approval, I shall feel fully rewarded for all the time and strength given to the cause.

I desire to thank Sisters Conkling, Pitkin, Houston and Ryan for their valuable advice and services; also sister jurisdictions for their financial aid and all others who in any way contributed to the success of the undertaking, I extend heartfelt thanks. May God bless you and reward you.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. MARGARET LUTKE,
President Executive Board, O. E. S. Headquarters,
Portland, Oregon.

WICHITA, KANSAS, Sept. 1, 1907.

To the Most Worthy Grand Chapter, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

In obedience to the gracious commands of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, I reached Portland and entered upon my duties as Hostess of the Masonic and O. E. S. Cottage on July 1, 1905. My daughter accompanied me, and together we received a cordial welcome in the home of Sister Lutke, where we received our breakfast and room-rent at moderate cost, and were most comfortable and happy, and I desire to thank Brother and Sister Lutke for their great kindness to us.

We found the Masonic rooms under the care of Past Grand Patron, Brother Weigand, who took us under his protecting care and did everything possible to make our stay delightful. We so arranged matters that the Cottage was never left alone while the gates were open.

The Grand Chapter of Oregon was Hostess and in charge of all social functions, and the three Portland Chapters vied with one another in assisting us in our daily task. One of the chief pleasures of the occasion was the meeting of the different sisters who thus came to assist us. Fresh flowers were daily sent, and only those who have seen them can appreciate what that means, for Portland is rightly named "The City of Roses."

The Grand Chapter of Oregon gave us a farewell reception, and every courtesy was shown us during our sojourn. We can never forget the many dear sisters, and thank one and all for their kindness to the stranger within their gates.

The object was to have a resting place for members of our Order, and from the expressions heard, we believe the object was attained. It also served to strengthen the bands of the General Grand Chapter, and we believe was a successful effort in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,

Hostess during July.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, Sept. 1, 1907

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members:

In compliance with the request of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I will try to tell you something of my stay at our O. E. S. Cottage on the grounds of the Lewis & Clarke Exposition at Portland, Oregon.

I left Indianapolis on July 26, 1905, reaching Portland July 29th, where I was met by sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, who had been the Hostess of the Cottage during July. Sister Snedden only gave me time to drop in at Sister Margaret Lutke's, Past Grand Matron of Oregon, where we had secured a room during our stay and leave my suit-case, then whisked me off to the Cottage, where each day but one was spent until September 4th, when I turned my face homeward.

I kept tally of those who registered during my stay as Hostess, and find that 2,958 names were entered. During the first two days twenty-four states were represented. The smallest number registered in any one day was August 20th, when the tally sheet showed twenty-four, and the largest number was August 16th, when 162 were registered. It will not be difficult to see that a Hostess who was on duty each day from eight o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening was kept moderately busy.

When reaching Portland, Sister Snedden informed me that the sisters of Portland had been assisting as Hostesses, but had found the work growing burdensome and rather expensive for the Grand Chapter of Oregon, and if I could get along without assistance the custom would be discontinued, to which I gave answer that I was there to represent the General Grand Chapter and was ready to discharge the duties and assume the responsibilities of such representation. However, I am indebted to several sisters who at their own expense, kindly came and shared with me the pleasure and duties of Hostess. Two of my own Indiana sisters, Mary E. Thayer, Past Matron of Plymouth Chapter, and Mary Whitting of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, were my companions on the entire trip, and to these two sisters I am greatly indebted for companionship and assistance.

The fact that the O. E. S. Headquarters at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition was a success is evidenced by the expressions of appreciation by the members from all parts of our country, for the welcome and comfort provided, and for the generous hospitality of the membership in Oregon.

The social functions tendered by the Grand Chapter of Oregon were most enjoyable.

To Sister Lutke I am indebted for the hospitalities of her home, and to Past Grand Matron, Sister Margaret Kellogg, for a most delightful day's outing up the beautiful Columbia River.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD,

Hostess during August.

TECUMSEH, OKLA., Sept. 1, 1907.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

It was my privilege to be honored by appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron her representative as official Hostess at the Masonic and Eastern Star Headquarters at the Portland Exposition during the month of September, 1905.

A description of the Cottage is useless, as it has been given so often it is familiar to all.

I reached Portland August 30th and went direct to the Cottage, where I was cordially welcomed by Sister Ransford, who was Hostess for August, and was very kindly instructed by her in the mysteries of my duties.

I took up my pleasant work September 1st and registered 2,000 O. E. S. members during the month, besides welcoming many who had registered with my predecessors, and many friends who accompanied the Stars.

Every moment of the day was fully occupied I can assure you. I reached the Exposition grounds every morning by nine o'clock, and nearly every morning unlocked the Cottage door myself and admitted the many who were waiting on the porches to register and leave lunch baskets, umbrellas and wraps for the day. I remained on duty until six o'clock in the afternoon.

The inestimable benefits of the Cottage could be fully appreciated after a day of wandering around the Exposition grounds, with no place to sit or feel at home, and surrounded by indifferent strangers.

A very pleasant reception and greeting was given me at the Cottage a few days after my arrival, by the Grand Chapter of Oregon. The Reception was in charge of the Secretaries of the five Chapters in Portland, in appreciation of the fact that I was a Secretary myself. The decorations were carried out in the five colors of the Order, and on the porches, where refreshments were served, Autumn leaves glowed under the rays of many Japanese lanterns, and instrumental and vocal music lent charm to a very successful event.

I was the guest of Honor at all five of the local Chapters where banquets were spread, gifts presented and every courtesy extended me as Official Hostess at the Masonic and Eastern Star Cottage.

I cannot go into detail regarding the many private dinners, luncheons, drives and special courtesies shown me, but I want to say here that I am sincerely grateful for every gracious act and kindness shown, and in counting up the pleasant things of life, these will be given a prominent place.

I desire to express my infinite sense of obligation to sisters Lutke, Ryan, Houston, Stiles and Whipple, and to brothers Wiegand and Hodson for the roses they strewed in my path while I was very much alive to enjoy them.

Toward the close of my stay I had the pleasure of spending a few most pleasant days with Sister Pitkin, who came out to succeed me and close up Headquarters.

A delightful reception was given us by Sister Lutke at her beautiful home, where among other things, I was presented with a gold clock by the Grand Chapter of Oregon,—a token, as Sister Pitkin said in the presentation speech, of my having worked on time.

I listened closely to many comments upon the "Cottage," and no adverse criticism was ever heard, but on every side, hearty praise and gratitude that sister Conkling had caused to be established a place so suited to the needs of the members.

I feel certain that all who visited the Exposition and enjoyed the rest and recreation afforded by the Cottage will join me in the opinion that it was a decided success and could not well have been dispensed with, without greatly diminishing the pleasures of a visit to the Fair.

I was reimbursed my expense for the month, \$122.90.

Sincerely,

MRS. IDA M. LEWIS,

Hostess during September.

As the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer had made reports of the receipts and disbursements for the Lewis & Clarke Exposition, and they appear in their respective reports, no further report was made by them.

FINANCES—LEWIS & CLARKE EXPOSITION.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford from the Committee on Finance of the Eastern Star Cottage at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition, made the following report, which upon motion was referred to the Finance Committee appointed at the opening of this Assembly.

Most Worthy Grand Matron Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee appointed to audit the bills of expenditure of the O. E. S. Cottage, furnishing and maintenance during the Lewis &

Clarke Exposition held at Portland, Oregon, June 1st to October 14th, 1905, submit the following report:

The original thought was to follow the plan so successfully carried out at the Exposition at St. Louis, Missouri, and take a room in with Fraternal Building Association.

The proposition that came to this Committee from the Fraternal Building Association was to authorize the expenditure of "\$1,500 or more." Your Committee did not feel justified in entailing upon the General Grand Chapter an uncertain expenditure, and the proposition was not accepted. However, through the efforts of sister Margaret Lutke, Past Grand Matron of Oregon, the efficient President of the Executive Board of which this committee are members, the General Grand Chapter became a co-worker with the Masonic Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Oregon, and a Cottage was built, where during the entire time of the Exposition the members of the Order found a royal welcome and a haven of rest.

For the building and furnishing of this Cottage, the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer was authorized to forward to the President, sister Margaret Lutke, a draft for \$1,500.

By direction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Chairman of this Committee during her stay at the Cottage as Hostess in August was directed to check up the bills, which she did, and these checked bills are filed with this report.

After paying all bills for the building and furnishing of the Cottage, of the \$1,500 sent the President, there was a balance of \$82.43, which was returned to the Right Worthy Treasurer.

The financial statement of the General Fund, with receipted bills, are submitted with this report. Also the bill of each Hostess and bills for contingent Fund, which were O. K'd by this Committee.

The following bills were audited by the Finance Committee: 1905.

Aug. 1.

Erecting Cottage	\$765.00	
Furnishing Cottage	469.37	
Register	10.00	
Insurance	30.00	
Lighting	45.00	
Printing and stationery.....	6.80	
Gardeners	31.40	
Porch Addition	60.00	
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		\$1,417.57
Contingent Fund		189.80
Broken Vases		8.50
Printing and express, Ore. cir....		30.44

1906.

Jan. 10.

Adv. Oregonian	27.00
HOSTESSES—	
Mary C. Snedden	\$113.80
Nettie Ransford	125.00
Ida M. Lewis	122.90
Lorraine J. Pitkin	166.15
Margaret Lutke	31.00
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	558.85
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	\$2,232.16

Fraternally,

NETTIE RANSFORD,
MARY C. SNEDDEN,
IDA M. LEWIS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron asked the privilege of presenting the Register used at the Lewis & Clarke Exposition to Mrs. Margaret Lutke, and no objections appearing, it was so ordered.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary stated that the writing desk, with all accessories, used at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893, at Eastern Star Headquarters, was at the close of said Exposition sent to Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, then Most Worthy Grand Matron, and has been in her possession all these years as the property of the General Grand Chapter, and asked that as a token of appreciation of her labors at that time that the desk be given Mrs. Snedden. No objections appearing, it was so ordered.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced that if there were no objections. Henry L. Stillson would take the Constitution and prepare it for the printer and forward same to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and there being none, it was so ordered.

William H. Norris requested consent to name the

Trustees to be elected, as provided for by the Constitution, which was granted, and they were:

George A. Pettigrew, South Dakota,
Joseph G. Ralls, Indian Territory,
Mrs. Alcena Lamond, District of Columbia.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the parties named above, and there being no objection the ballot was cast and the election declared.

The General Grand Chapter was called from labor until 7:30 o'clock P.M., and the Most Worthy Grand Matron announced that at that time the report of the Committee on Ritual would be considered.

IN TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY—EVENING.

Friday, Sept. 6, 1907.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 7:30 o'clock, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

COURTESIES.

Mrs. Kate A. Heath, from the Committee on Courtesies, submitted the following report, which upon motion of D. A. G. Ouzts, was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Your Committee on Courtesy of this Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., submits the following report:

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be extended the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin for its gracious invitation to meet with it at this time; to the Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar for tendering free of expense the Masonic Temple so well equipped for our purposes; to Harmony Lodge No. 142, F. & A. M., for granting us the privilege of the Lodge Room on its regular meeting night; to Brother W. W. Perry for his thoughtfulness in securing the above Masonic favors and untiring efforts to bring comfort and convenience to all members. For the bountiful banquet served on the evening of September 5th, so ably presided over by Toastmaster Brother James G. Monahan; for the Souvenir Pins which were so highly appreciated; for the Automobile ride, affording to all delegates such an extensive view of the beautiful City of Milwaukee; to Electa Chapter No. 75, of Milwaukee, for the exemplification of the work in its Chapter room; to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madeleine B. Conkling; to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. Wm. F. Kuhn, and all other officers for serving so faithfully the interests of the Order.

Fraternally,

KATE AULL HEATH,
ANNIE M. APPLEGATE,
D. A. G. OUZTS.

RITUAL.

L. Cabell Williamson, from the Committee on Ritual, announced that he was prepared to complete his report, when the Most Worthy Grand Matron stated that if there were no objections, the further report of the Committee would be continued until the next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, and there being none, it was so ordered.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary read the Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions, which were approved as read.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Henry L. Stillson, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, and upon motion of Charles A. Nesbitt, the same was declared adopted:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully suggest the appointment of a special committee to take measures to incorporate the "General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star" by act of Congress, and if we may be permitted, we would hereby name as Chairman, L. Cabell Williamson, of the District of Columbia, and associated with him the Most Worthy Grand Matron, sister Ella S. Washburn of Wisconsin, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, William H. Norris of Iowa.

We move the immediate consideration of this report.

H. L. STILLSON,
MRS. ALCENA LAMOND,
MRS. MARGARET LUTKE,
MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY.

Upon motion of D. A. G. Ouzts, one thousand copies of the new Constitution were ordered printed separately for distribution.

FINANCE.

Joseph G. Ralls, from the Committee on Finance, submitted further reports, which upon his own motion were declared adopted, and are as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to further report and recommend the allowance of the following bills:

J. B. Bradford Piano Co., cartage on piano to Hall.....	\$ 5.00
The H. H. West Co., Milwaukee, supplies to Genl. Grand Chapter	1.80
W. F. Bowen, as Organist at this Genl. Grand Chapter.....	10.00
M. T. Kottnauer, stenographic fees for Com. on Revision of Constitution.	10.00
Madeleine B. Conkling, express on box of Addresses, etc.....	16.16
Tainsh & Co., Milwaukee, printing Reservation slips	2.75
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, postage	4.36
Currie Bros. & Co., Milwaukee, Flowers	11.00

We recommend that the small desk and chair used by sister Conkling as Most Worthy Grand Matron be donated to her by this body.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH G. RALLS,
ADA E. GASKELL.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to further report as follows: We recommend the allowance of the following bills:

To Estelle J. Glass, stenographic fees, G. G. C., four days and evenings	\$40.00
To Madeleine B. Conkling, additional expense Hotel for time not included in former bill	2.50
To W. F. Kuhn, M. W. G. Patron, for printing Address.....	38.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. RALLS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron invited L. Cabell Williamson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, to install the following officers, all being present except Mrs. M. Elizabeth Leach, Worthy Grand Ruth:

MRS. ELLA S. WASHBURN, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
WILLIAM H. NORRIS, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. M. ALICE MILLER, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
 WILLIS D. ENGLE, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
 MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
 MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
 MRS. RATA A. MILLS, Right Worthy Grand Conductress.
 MRS. EMMA OCOBOCK, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
 MRS. HOYLAND T. MARTIN, Worthy Grand Chaplain.
 MRS. HELEN W. MONAHAN, Worthy Grand Marshal.
 MRS. NETTIE V. TURNER, Worthy Grand Organist.
 MRS. ELLIE LINES CHAPIN, Worthy Grand Adah.
 MRS. MINNIE H. MILLER, Worthy Grand Esther.
 MRS. MARY P. OUZTS, Worthy Grand Martha.
 MRS. ELLEN J. TILTON, Worthy Grand Electa.
 MRS. MARIE L. COFFIN, Worthy Grand Warder.
 ELMER C. PATTERSON, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

PRESENTATIONS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, received the following gifts, accepting them in a most charming and affecting manner, replying to each only as she can:

From her own Chapter (Racine No. 45) a box of silver spoons and forks, presented by Judge Max W. Heck, Past Grand Patron.

From the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Wisconsin, solid silver knives, presented by Mrs. Nellie M. Towner, Past Grand Matron.

From the four Milwaukee Chapters, an immense cut glass vase presented by the Worthy Matron of No. 2.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron, William H. Norris, received a Loving Cup from the Grand Chapter of Iowa, the presentation speech being made by Hugh W. Hughes, Grand Patron.

The Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, received a silver water pitcher and tray from her officers.

The other officers were all presented with flowers.

Mrs. Margaret Howard, the representative from the Hawaiian Islands, presented Mrs. Washburn with a beautiful article of adornment called in Hawaii "Lei Aloha", and upon motion of Mrs. Nettie V. Turner of Florida, the presentation speech was ordered made a part of the records by unanimous vote, as follows:

Permit me, in behalf of Lei Aloha Chapter No. 3, O. E. S. of Hawaii—one of the youngest chapters under your immediate jurisdiction—to present you with this wreath, or lei, as the Hawaiians say. In order that you may understand the motive which prompted this gift, and the significance of this unique present, I will explain: Lei means wreath: aloha, love; and this then is a "wreath of love" to you. This yellow lei is the nearest representation of the royal mamalo lei of yellow feathers, worn only by kings and queens and chiefs of the highest families of Hawaii.

There were several grades and colors distinguishing the rank of the families permitted to wear these royal leis. The highest and most sacred were the royal yellow mamalo. These were made from feathers of a little black-feathered bird, one yellow feather being found beneath each wing. The birds were caught by a sort of paste made from the bread-fruit tree, and were released after the two yellow feathers were plucked. This was strictly a king's monopoly, and no commoner dared have the feathers in his possession under penalty of death. The birds which furnished the feathers are now entirely extinct, and these leis are considered precious and sacred, being handed down from generation to generation.

In presenting this lei aloha to you, Most Worthy Grand Matron, it is in strict accord with the olden custom—to be worn only by our highest in authority—our queen. By it you are to be reminded that each article of this lei is a token of genuine love and esteem—that you have loyal and loving friends in Hawaii, who recognize you as their queen.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron addressed Mrs. Howard with feeling words of gratification, and presented her with a portion of her own magnificent roses, asking also that each officer contribute from their flowers, which was immediately done.

The pleasing influence of this charming incident in the

closing hours of this assembly of the General Grand Chapter was felt by all, and will long be remembered by those present.

Mrs. Howard also presented each officer with an imitation of this "Lei Aloha" after their installation, in a few beautiful words of greeting from their sisters and brothers in the far distant islands.

L. Cabell Williamson read the following poem, which was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

THE EASTERN STAR.

Adapted to the tune of "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

God bless our Eastern Star,
Thy praise we sing;
Our homage from afar,
To thee we bring.
We love thy precepts true;
Thy lessons, ever new!
Thy mandates we will do,
And to thee cling.

• Oh, may we ever stand
In Thy pure light.
To labor, hand in hand.
For truth and right.
Our cause will not be vain,
For "Strength to strength" we'll gain.
To our loved "Golden chain,"
By thy great might.

We, then, should strive to prove
Our loyalty,
By our unselfish love
And "Charity."
Then we will surely find
Our lives with thee entwined,
And teach to all mankind
Fraternity.

To our loved Worthy Grand Matron, Sister ALICE M. METCALFE,
these lines are affectionately dedicated by Dr. S. M. McMILLAN, Worthy
Grand Patron, O. E. S., Maryland.

Riverdale, Md., June 25, 1907.

Mrs. Kate J. Willats of California requested the several Grand Secretaries to aid her in replacing their library, which was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Emilie C. Mensing, Grand Matron of Washington, in a few brief remarks, expressed her thanks to those present for the courtesies received, and extended a greeting from her own jurisdiction.

Mrs. Nettie V. Turner, Grand Matron of Florida, extended thanks for the selection of their jurisdiction to hold the next Triennial Assembly at Jacksonville, 1910.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The following officers and members of Committees as provided for by the Constitution have been paid mileage, and per diem of \$9.00 each during this session, as follows:

	Miles	Mileage	Per diem	Amount
✓Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Racine, Wis.	23	.92	9.00	9.92
William H. Norris, Manchester, Iowa.	314	12.56	9.00	21.56
✓Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Chicago, Ill.	85	3.40	9.00	12.40
Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Iowa.	394	15.76	9.00	24.76
✓Mrs. M. Alice Miller, El Reno, Okla.	944	37.76	9.00	46.76
✓Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Center (Eldred)	705	28.20	9.00	37.20
Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, Portland, Ore.	2256	90.24	9.00	99.24
Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Madison, S. D.	539	21.56	9.00	30.56
Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Warsaw, Ind.	193	7.72	9.00	16.72
Mrs. Mary R. Ingraham, Quincy, Ill.	348	13.92	9.00	22.92
Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Anthony, Kan.	900	36.00	9.00	45.00
Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Prescott, Ari.	1925	77.00	9.00	86.00
Mrs. Ida M. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn.	339	13.56	9.00	22.56
✓Mark P. Olney, Mena, Ark.	892	35.68	9.00	44.68
Mrs. Margaret Megenhardt, Baltimore, Md.	877	35.08	9.00	44.08
✓Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Wichita, Kans.	765	30.60	9.00	39.60
Miss Mary Jean White, Harrisonville, Mo	638	25.52	9.00	34.52
Joseph G. Ralls, Atoka, Ind. Terr.	903	36.12	9.00	45.12
✓Mrs. Ada E. Gaskell, Ashtabula, Ohio.	479	19.16	9.00	28.16
Harris W. Huehl, Chicago, Ill.	85	3.40	9.00	12.40
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Oakland, Cal.	2451	98.04	9.00	107.04
Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Greenwood, S. C.	972	38.88	9.00	47.88

Henry L. Stillson, Bennington, Vt.	960	38.40	9.00	47.40
✓ Mrs. Alcena Lamond, Washington, D. C.	792	31.68	9.00	40.68
Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Portland, Ore.	2256	90.24	9.00	99.24
Mrs. Mary Barry, Denver, Colo.	1411	44.44	9.00	53.44
✓ Mrs. Ellie L. Chapin, Pine Meadow, Conn.	1046	41.84	9.00	50.84
Mr. L. M. Cook, Red Springs, N. C.	1148	45.92	9.00	54.92
Mrs. Annie Banes, Metamora, Ind.	351	14.04	9.00	23.04
✓ George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, S. D.	509	20.36	9.00	29.36
✓ Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Birmingham, Ala.	737	29.48	9.00	38.48
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Minneapolis, Minn.	339	13.56	9.00	22.56
✓ S. Penrose Williams, Providence, R. I.	1096	43.84	9.00	52.84
Mrs. Mellie W. Guernsey, Seattle, Wash.	2240	89.60	9.00	98.60
Mrs. Ellen J. Tilton, Bennett, Wyo.	1252	50.08	9.00	59.08
Total.....				\$1549.56

Note—Through the kindness of Mr. A. B. Schmidt, General Passenger Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, the above list of miles was made up by the rate-clerk, who is detailed for this particular work.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, announced the appointment of the standing Committees, as follows:

Jurisprudence.

Casimir J. Wood, California.
Henry L. Stillson, Vermont.
Miss Mary Jean White, Missouri.

Ritual Committee.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.
✓ L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.
Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Maine.

Foreign Relations.

William W. Perry, Wisconsin.
Harris W. Huehl, Illinois.

Necrology.

Mrs. Allena D. Ward, Iowa.
Mrs. Helen Stires, Nebraska.
✓ S. Penrose Williams, Rhode Island.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary then read the minutes of this evening's session, which were approved as read.

No further business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Twelfth Triennial Assembly, to convene in Jacksonville, Florida, some time during the month of November, 1910.



ELLA SIMMONS WASHBURN,
M. W. Grand Matron.

WILLIAM H. NORRIS,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pitkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.





ELLA SIMMONS WASHBURN

RACINE, WISCONSIN

Most Worthy Grand Matron









WILLIAM H. NORRIS

MANCHESTER, IOWA

Most Worthy Grand Patron





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LORRAINE J. PITKIN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Right Worthy Grand Secretary 1880-1907

Most Worthy Grand Matron 1880-1882





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HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK

ANAMOSA, IOWA

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer 1889-1907



In Memoriam

"The stream is calmest when it nears the tide;
The flowers are sweetest at eventide;
The birds more musical at close of day,
And saints divinest when they pass away.

Morning is lovely, but a holier charm
Lies folded close in Evening's robe of balm;
And weary man must ever love her best,
For Morning calls to toil, but Night to rest.

'Until evening' we must weep and toil,
Plow life's stern furrow, dig the ungrateful soil,
Tread with torn feet our rough and thorny way,
And bear the heat and burden of the day.

Thus, when our sun is setting may we glide
Like summer evening down the golden tide,
And leave behind us as we pass away,
Sweet, starry twilight round our sleeping clay."

In Memoriam

TO THE MEMORY OF

Deceased Members

of the

Order Eastern Star

UNDER THE JURISDICTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

1904-1907

In Memoriam

MRS. ELIZABETH BUTLER

Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1878-1878

Grand Matron of Illinois.

1875-1876

DIED JULY 13, 1906

What comfort, when with clouds of woe
The heart is burdened, and must weep,
To feel that pain must end—to know,
"He giveth His beloved sleep".

In Memoriam

JOHN DAVIS VINCIL

Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1876-1878

Grand Patron

of

Missouri, 1875-1876

DIED OCTOBER 12, 1904

**"The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining record tells."**

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY A. FLINT

Most Worthy Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1886-1889

Grand Matron

of

California, 1882-1883

DIED NOVEMBER 30, 1906

"Time laid his hand
Upon her heart, gently, not smiting it,
But as a harper lays his open palm
Upon his harp to deaden its vibrations."

In Memoriam

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER

Worthy Grand Esther

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1904-1907

Grand Matron

of

Illinois, 1894-1895

DIED, APRIL 27, 1907

**"She stole away, gave us no warning, said not good-bye, but
in some brighter world will say good morning".**

In Memoriam

Mrs. Sarah B. Haggard

Worthy Grand Esther

General Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star

1898-1901

Grand Matron

of

Illinois, 1897-1898

DIED MARCH 22, 1903

"Only a little while,
And our faith so flickering here,
Shall die in the light of a day-dawn bright,
When the shadows shall disappear."

In Memoriam

J. RICHARD PETERS

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Alabama, 1906-1907

DIED AUGUST 23 1907

In Memoriam

Mrs. Bessie H. Grosetta

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Arizona, 1906-1907

DIED MARCH 30, 1907

In Memoriam

Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Arkansas, 1895-1896

DIED FEBRUARY 8, 1905

In Memoriam

JOHN G. HOLLAND

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Arkansas, 1891-1892

DIED IN 1906

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mattie Ann Farnum

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

California, 1891-1892

DIED DURING OCTOBER 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Maria Akers Pierce

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

California, 1898-1899

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1906

In Memoriam

MRS. EMILY ROLFE

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

California, 1875-1876

DIED JUNE 2, 1907

In Memoriam

GEORGE B. WHITNEY

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut, 1881-1882

Died November 24, 1905

In Memoriam

WILLIAM H. PIERPONT

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut, 1898-1899

Died December 27, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary J. Silloway

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut, 1904-1905

Died July 5, 1906

In Memoriam

Mrs. Amelia A. E. L. Stebbins

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Connecticut, 1893-1894

Died March 30, 1907

In Memoriam

CALVIN EDGAR REED

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Colorado, 1894-1895

Died February 27, 1905

In Memoriam

DANIEL GOULD BURR

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Illinois, 1875-1876

Died February 8, 1905

In Memoriam

JOHN RENNIE

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indian Territory, 1889-1890

Died February 2, 1906

In Memoriam

HENRY G. THAYER

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1879-1880

Died April 18, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary A. Comstock

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1875-1877

Died May 22, 1905

In Memoriam

HENRY G. THAYER

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1879-1880

Died April 18, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary A. Comstock

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1875-1877

Died May 22, 1905

In Memoriam

EDWIN D. PALMER

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1887-1888

Died June 30, 1908

In Memoriam

EDWARD J. CHURCH

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana

Died January 30, 1906

In Memoriam

WILLIAM G. BURNETT

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1880-1881

Died February 17, 1906

In Memoriam

Mrs. Helen E. Macomber

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1893-1894

Died May 4, 1906

In Memoriam

FRED WALTER FANNING

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana, 1890-1891

Died October 26, 1906

In Memoriam

IRWIN B. WEBBER

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana

In Memoriam

E. N. WILKINSON

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Indiana

In Memoriam

JOHN S. ALFRED

Last Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Louisiana

Died March 1, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary A. Watrous

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Michigan, 1883-1884

Died June 11, 1905

In Memoriam

LEWIS C. GOODRICH

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Michigan

Died August 7, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. Evaline L. Pendleton

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Michigan, 1869-1870

Died November 20, 1905

In Memoriam

Mrs. D. C. PURINTON

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Michigan, 1872-1873

In Memoriam

WILLIAM A. FARNSWORTH

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Massachusetts

Died September 6, 1908

In Memoriam

DAVID B. SCOFIELD

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Minnesota, 1892-1893

Died October 16, 1905

In Memoriam

CHARLES GRISWOLD

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Minnesota, 1878-1879

Died December 25, 1906

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY J. WASH

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri, 1879-1880

Died December 13, 1904

In Memoriam

WILLIAM McCULLY

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri

Died October 17, 1905

In Memoriam

JOSEPH S. BROWNE

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri, 1896-1897

Died February 12, 1906

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Stuart Russell

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri

Died May 9, 1906

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY LYND

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Missouri, 1884-1885

Died January 20, 1907

In Memoriam

MRS. ADA M. AIKEN

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Montana, 1896-1897

Died February 19, 1906

In Memoriam

CORNELIUS HEDGES

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Montana, 1892-1893

Died April 28, 1907

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY E. IMHOFF

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Nebraska, 1875-1876

In Memoriam

ROBERT W. FURNAS

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Nebraska, 1877-1878

In Memoriam

JAMES H. CONNER

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

New Hampshire

In Memoriam,

LEONARD A. ROSE

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

North Dakota, 1895-1896

Died December 8, 1904

In Memoriam

THOMAS N. RITCHIE

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

North Dakota, 1894-1895

Died April 30, 1907

In Memoriam

JOHN M. MAYHEW

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

New Jersey, 1873-1876

Died December 6, 1904

In Memoriam

HARMON BROSS GOODRIDGE

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

New Jersey, 1881-1882

Died September 5, 1906

In Memoriam

WILLIAM C. BROWN

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

New Jersey, 1882-1883

Died July 6, 1907

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY C. MITCHELL

Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Ohio

Died August 18, 1905

In Memoriam

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Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Ohio

Died December 30, 1905

In Memoriam

JOHN BLYTH

Past Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Ohio

Died February 4, 1906

In Memoriam

MRS. A. M. McCALLISTER

Grand Secretary

Order Eastern Star

of

South Dakota, 1889-1907

Died February 9, 1907

In Memoriam

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Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Vermont

In Memoriam

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Past Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Vermont

In Memoriam

Mrs. Florence G. McLean

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Washington, 1897-1898

Died September 15, 1905

In Memoriam

MRS. ALICE M. TAYLOR

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Washington, 1895-1896

Died November 1, 1906

In Memoriam

Mrs. Florence G. McLean

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Washington, 1897-1898

Died September 15, 1905

In Memoriam

MRS. ALICE M. TAYLOR

Grand Matron

Order Eastern Star

of

Washington, 1895-1896

Died November 1, 1906

In Memoriam

FRED RING

Grand Patron

Order Eastern Star

of

Wisconsin, 1897-1898

Died December 14, 1906

CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Rossland.

CANADA.

Mountain View Chapter No. 1, Olds, Alberta.

Venus Chapter No. 2, Red Deer, Alberta.

Yukon Chapter No. 1, Yukon Ter.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Hilo.

Leahi Chapter No. 2, Honolulu.

Lei Aloha Chapter No. 3, Honolulu.

MEXICO.

Cananea Chapter No. 1, Cananea.

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Grand Secretary, Gilbert Gunn, 112 Bath St., Glasgow.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS
Which are Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapters.	Organized.	Month of meeting.	Active Chap- ters.	Active mem- bers.
Alabama	March 6, 1901.....	November	52	1898
Arizona	November 15, 1900....	November	14	921
Arkansas	October 2, 1876.....	November	179	6071
California	May 8, 1873.....	October	213	22427
Colorado	June 6, 1892.....	September	69	6050
Connecticut	August 11, 1874.....	January	55	5870
District of Columbia.	April 30, 1896.....	January and June	9	2437
Florida	June 7, 1904.....	April	24	902
Georgia	February 21, 1901....	May	24	727
Idaho	April 17, 1902.....	June	29	1612
Illinois	November 6, 1875....	October	500	43363
Indiana	May 6, 1874.....	April	342	21314
Indian Ter.	July 11, 1889.....	August	92	4058
Iowa	July 30, 1878.....	October	366	25724
Kansas	October 18, 1878.....	May	260	17303
Kentucky	June 10, 1903.....	October	75	3501
Louisiana	October 4, 1900.....	June	43	2096
Maine	August 24, 1892.....	May	141	13176
Maryland	December 23, 1898....	January	15	1829
Massachusetts	December 11, 1876....	May	104	12701
Michigan	October 31, 1867.....	October	331	38199
Minnesota	October 18, 1878.....	May	172	12085
Mississippi	May 29, 1906.....	June	14	646
Missouri	October 13, 1875.....	September	244	15508
Montana	September 25, 1890....	September	38	2957
Nebraska	June 22, 1875.....	May	165	10736
Nevada	September 19, 1905....	June	14	1004
New Hampshire	May 12, 1891.....	September	41	4420
New Mexico	April 11, 1902.....	October	20	803
North Carolina	May 20, 1905.....	June	18	589
North Dakota	June 14, 1894.....	June	57	3831
Ohio	July 28, 1889.....	October	244	16811
Oklahoma	February 14, 1902....	February	79	3852
Oregon	October 3, 1889.....	June	81	6751
Pennsylvania	November 21, 1894....	June	58	4509
Rhode Island	August 22, 1895.....	October	9	1272
South Carolina	June 1, 1907.....	June	6	286
South Dakota	July 10, 1889.....	June	82	5637
Tennessee	October 18, 1900.....	January	52	2348
Texas	May 5, 1884.....	October	290	12220
Utah	September 20, 1905....	May	5	532
Vermont	November 12, 1873....	June	59	5350
Virginia	June 22, 1904.....	May	20	826
Washington	June 12, 1889.....	June	95	7778
West Virginia	June 28, 1904.....	October	18	847
Wisconsin	February 19, 1891....	February	169	13321
Wyoming	September 14, 1898....	September	19	1348
Gen. Grand Chapter.	November 16, 1876....	September	10	466
Total..			5016	368712

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS
Which are not Constituent Members of the General Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapters.	Organized	Month of meeting	Active Chap- ters.	Active mem- bers.
New Jersey.....	July 18, 1870.....	September.	31	2335
New York	November 3, 1870....	October....	359	29116
Scotland	August 20, 1904....	January....	18	1716
Total..			408	33667

RECAPITULATION.

10	Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter with membership of	466
5006	Chapters in the 47 Grand Chapters, which are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter.....	368246
408	Chapters in New Jersey, New York and Scotland.....	33667
5424	Chapters, with a total membership of	402379

Elective Officers of the General Grand Chapter since its Organization

Most Worthy Grand Patron.		Most Worthy Grand Patron.	
1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901 1904 1907	<p>*Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Illinois</p> <p>*Mrs. Elmhurst Foley, Missouri.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p> <p>Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.</p> <p>*Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.</p> <p>Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts</p> <p>Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.</p> <p>Mrs. Madeline B. Conklin, Oklahoma Ter.</p> <p>Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.</p>	<p>*Rev. John D. Vincell, Missouri.</p> <p>*Thomas M. Lamb, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Willis Brown, Kansas.</p> <p>*Rollin C. Gaskill, California.</p> <p>*Jefferson S. Conover, Michigan.</p> <p>Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.</p> <p>James R. Donnell, Arkansas.</p> <p>H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan.</p> <p>*Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota.</p> <p>L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.</p> <p>William F. Kuhn, Missouri.</p> <p>William H. Norris, Iowa.</p>	
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1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901 1904 1907	<p>Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p> <p>Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, California.</p> <p>*Mrs. Lucinda Smith, New Jersey.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Nebraska.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.</p> <p>Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.</p> <p>Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.</p> <p>Mrs. Madeline B. Conklin, Oklahoma Ter.</p> <p>Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Wisconsin.</p> <p>Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Oklahoma Ter.</p>	<p>*Jeremiah E. Whitcher, California.</p> <p>Willis Brown, Kansas.</p> <p>*David B. Purlington, Michigan.</p> <p>*B. R. Rose, Michigan.</p> <p>Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.</p> <p>James R. Donnell, Arkansas.</p> <p>H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan.</p> <p>*Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Minnesota.</p> <p>L. Cabell Williamson, District of Columbia.</p> <p>William F. Kuhn, Missouri.</p> <p>William H. Norris, Iowa.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p>	
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.		Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.	
1876 1878 1880 1883 1886 1889 1892 1895 1898 1901 1904 1907	<p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Willis D. Engle, Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.</p>	<p>*John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.</p> <p>*John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.</p> <p>Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.</p> <p>John R. Parson, Missouri.</p>	
Right Worthy Grand Conductress.		Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.	
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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR.

As Revised and Adopted at the 12th Triennial Assembly, held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
September 4—6, A. D. 1907.)

PREAMBLE.

Declaration—Landmarks—Concordat with Scotland.

DECLARATION.

SECTION 1. On the fifteenth and sixteenth days of November, A. D. 1876, The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was legitimately organized by a convention of delegates of independent Grand Chapters, and after the manner analogous to the General Government of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. This proceeding had become essential to the future of a system which was already dear to thousands of Freemasons and their families, by means of degrees known as the "Eastern Star,"—sometimes called "The Adoptive Rite of Freemasonry." With the origin of these degrees this declaration will not deal; suffice to place on record the fact that through various methods of propaganda, an Order had arisen which promised beneficence to the near female relatives of the members of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, as well as to itself.

SEC. 3. (a) The administration of the "Power and Authority," vested in the original Constitution by the Grand Chapters participating in its creation, having spread the Order of the Eastern Star to nearly all the States and all of the Territories of the United States of America, establishing in each a *regular* Grand Chapter of the Order, reaching out to jurisdictions beyond the bounds of the Nation of its

birth; the second step of momentous import to the lasting welfare of the Order of the Eastern Star appears essential to its name: "The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star."

(b) It has become necessary to place the Order on bases whereon there shall be a common meeting-place through this General body; a sovereignty of unity in essentials, a modicum of liberty in non-essentials, and a charity in all things permitted; that the General Grand Chapter may become, as it ought to be, the conservator of the Order of the Eastern Star,—its fountainhead, so to speak,—that the Grand Chapters established in State, Territory, Province, District or other political division, may enjoy the customs of the Freemasonry of which they are measurably auxiliary in, beneficent endeavor; that the Chapters subordinate may be assured of security in chartered rights—to the end that all these rights and benefits may be held in equity and for all time to come—it is hereby ordained that the "Landmarks," the "Concordat with Scotland," and this Constitution are of perpetual obligation.

SEC. 4. (a) Wherever it is stated, whether in Constitution, Ritual, General Regulations, or otherwise, that eligibility for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, shall consist of "affiliated Master Masons in good standing in a Masonic Lodge; their wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, and half-sisters, who shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years," it is also provided as of perpetual obligation that the "Masonic Lodge" referred to shall be a *regular* Lodge of *regular* Freemasonry, where-soever dispersed.

(b) It is further provided that there are no other or higher degrees known to the Order. This shall be held to include extraneous degrees, and all voluntary associations using the name of the Order of the Eastern Star.

THE LANDMARKS.

1. A belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.
2. In the Order of the Eastern Star there are only five degrees, known: Adah, the daughter; Ruth, the widow; Esther, the wife; Martha, the sister; and Electa, the mother.
3. The name of the Order, the nature of the degrees and modes of recognition are unchangeable.
4. Its lessons are Scriptural, its teachings moral and its purposes beneficent.

5. Its obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain its secrets, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by Masons to the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of Masons, reciprocal duties are due to the Brotherhood.

6. That the obligation of our Order, voluntarily assumed, is perpetual, from the force of which there is no release.

7. The ballot, for candidates for the degrees, must be unanimous, without debate, and kept inviolably secret.

8. The degrees cannot be conferred unless a brother in good standing shall preside. He may call upon the Worthy Matron to assist in conferring the degrees.

9. Every member is amenable to the laws of the Order, and may be tried for offenses, either by the Chapter to which the member belongs, or by the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the member resides.

10. The right of every member to appeal from the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, to the Grand Chapter or its executive head.

11. The right of every Chapter to decide, from among eligible candidates, who shall be admitted to membership.

12. The right of every member to visit any regular Chapter unless lawful objection is made to such visitor.

CONCORDAT WITH SCOTLAND.

A. That all Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland here represented, or declaring their adherence hereto, shall be and are hereby united under one jurisdiction; and the representatives of such Chapters now present or adhering, not only bind themselves to sign this resolution in token of their acceptance thereof, but also bind and obligate themselves and the Chapters which they represent to ratify and confirm the same and to support and further such procedure as may be requisite to carry this resolution into effect.

B. That the Body formed by this resolution shall be known at present as the Grand Chapter of Scotland, but shall have supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over Great Britain, Ireland and the whole British dominions (excepting only those upon the Continent of America), and that a Supreme or General Grand Chapter of the British Empire shall be formed as soon as Chapters are instituted therein and it seems expedient to do so.

C. That the Constitution and the laws of the late existing Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Scotland

shall, with some slight alteration, be, and is hereby adopted as the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter now formed.

D. That the Ritual to be used by all the Chapters under this Constitution shall be that now issued by the General Grand Chapter of America.

E. That this Grand Chapter as now constituted shall take over all assets and liabilities of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of Scotland.

F. That all Grand Office-bearers and Past Grand Office-bearers of the preceding Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland shall be and hereby are accorded Past Grand Rank and shall be entitled to all privileges and precedence appertaining thereto.

G. That the Office-bearers of the Grand Chapter as now constituted be here and now nominated, elected and installed to hold office till January, 1906.

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

LAURA B. HART.

ADDENDUM.

H. That the General Grand Chapter of America whose ritual we have adopted will exchange with the late Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland an official number (three) of said ritual, in lieu of those the said Body have been using, the same to be furnished free of charge.

LAURA B. HART.

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

The foregoing resolutions and addendum are certified by us to be the Resolutions and agreement adopted by a Convention of all the Chapters of the Order in Scotland held in Glasgow on August 20th, 1904.

Note.—This was ratified and confirmed by the General Grand Chapter, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence stipulating that the words "of America," in paragraphs "D" and "H," should not be held on our part to be a waiver of the legal name of this body, which is, and must ever remain: "The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star," and that it does not by this Concordat release jurisdiction over any territory, except as specified, which was unanimously adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR."

ARTICLE II.

SEAL.

SECTION 1. The Seal of the General Grand Chapter shall be a circle within a ring. The outer edge of the ring shall be a series of dots, and upon this ring there shall appear the words: "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR"; within the circle there shall be a shield, divided into four (4) parts. In the upper right corner of this shield there shall appear the sun; in the lower right corner there shall appear a broken column; in the left upper corner there shall appear a sheaf of barley, and in the lower left corner there shall appear a cup. Within the shield there shall appear a smaller shield, in the centre of which shall appear an open Bible; above the larger shield there shall appear clasped hands, and below the larger shield there shall appear the words: "Organized November 16th, 1876."

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The membership of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, shall consist of the elective and appointive officers, the delegates present and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of the Grand Chap-

ters under its jurisdiction; and the Worthy Matron, or her proxy, from each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in all states, territories, provinces, districts, or other political divisions; and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Each officer and member of the General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some Subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office and membership in the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. Each officer of the General Grand Chapter shall be a member thereof in his or her *own* right.

SEC. 4. (a) A proxy for a Grand Officer must be a member of the Order in good standing and a member of such Grand Chapter.

(b) The proxy of the representative of a Subordinate Chapter may be held by any member of a Subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and the Worthy Matrons of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be a
Grand Matron,
Grand Patron,
Associate Grand Matron,
Associate Grand Patron,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Conductress,
Associate Grand Conductress.
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Organist,
Grand Adah,
Grand Ruth,

Grand Esther,
Grand Martha,
Grand Electa,
Grand Warder,
Grand Sentinel,
Three Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

TITLES.

SECTION 1. The titles of the Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows: for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, "Most Worthy"; for the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress, "Right Worthy." The titles for all other Grand Officers shall be "Worthy."

ARTICLE VI.

POWERS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall be supreme in all matters pertaining to its own organization and work therein, and shall have sovereignty over the ritual and government of the Order, prescribing landmarks, obligation, degrees, installations, burial services, and all other matters pertaining to the ritual of the Order, and shall furnish copies thereof to all Grand Chapters, as further provided.

SEC. 2. It shall have authority to decide all questions of Eastern Star law and polity, that may arise between Grand Chapters, and the decisions of the General Grand Chapter on all such matters shall be final.

SEC. 3. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction over all unorganized territory where no Grand Chapter exists.

SEC. 4. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 5. It shall have power to levy such taxes upon the several Grand Chapters, and the Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, as in its judgment it shall require, not to exceed two (2) cents *per capita*, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership.

SEC. 6. Whenever the Order has been regularly established in a country other than the United States of America, with a Grand

Chapter organized therein, this General Grand Chapter may recognize the said Grand Chapter as an Independent and Supreme Body of the Order within the boundaries of such country; possessing the same powers within its own jurisdiction, and for extending the Order in other countries where Grand Chapters have not been established, as are claimed for itself by the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VII.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall convene in general assembly every third year, at such place as may be determined by the vote of the General Grand Chapter at its previous triennial assembly; the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall decide the month, and may change the place of assembly in case of emergency.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES.

SEC. 2. Special assemblies may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, at such time and place as may be determined, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member notice by mail, at least sixty (60) days prior thereto.

ARTICLE VIII.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES.

SECTION 1. Affiliated Master Masons; their wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, and half sisters, who shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

ARTICLE IX.

GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The government of the Order is vested in three bodies, named respectively in the order of their rank: "General Grand Chapter," "Grand Chapter," and "Subordinate Chapter."

ARTICLE X.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and three trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. No member shall be eligible to any office of the General Grand Chapter unless he or she shall have been elected and installed as Grand Matron or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

SEC. 5. Vacancies that may occur, except in the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, as occasion shall require.

ARTICLE XI.

VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to only four (4) votes, viz.: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron, — or their proxies, one vote each. The Grand Matron, or ranking officer, present, shall have power to fill vacancies. Each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to the General Grand Chapter, shall be entitled to one vote.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE XII.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to preside at all assemblies of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. She shall present a report at each triennial assembly, setting forth all her official acts during her term of office; and she may recommend such legislation as she may deem to be for the good of the Order.

SEC. 3. During the interval between the assemblies she shall exercise all the executive powers of the General Grand Chapter, — except in the organization of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, — and her decisions shall be in full force until approved or disapproved by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. She shall receive for her services such compensation as may be hereinafter provided.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to preside at the assemblies of the General Grand Chapter when called upon by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, to counsel and advise her upon all matters pertaining to the good of the Order.

SEC. 2. He shall have power to organize Chapters and grant Charters in all states, territories, provinces, districts or other political divisions where no Grand Chapter exists; and shall possess exclusive power to revoke said Charters, until the same shall have been approved by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. He shall have power to organize Grand Chapters as hereinafter further provided.

SEC. 4. In the organization of Subordinate and Grand Chapters the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to render such decisions as may be essential or required in such organization, or for such organization.

SEC. 5. He shall make a written report to the General Grand Chapter, reviewing the work of his term of office, and setting forth all business properly to be brought before the General Grand Chapter, and shall recommend such needed legislation as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 6. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may hereinafter be provided.

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron at the assemblies of the General Grand Chapter; and in case of the death or disability of said officer, she shall assume all the duties of the office,

and preside at the assemblies in conjunction with the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to assist the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron in the performance of her duties; and shall aid the Most Worthy Grand Patron in such duties as he may assign to him; and, in case of the death or inability of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, he shall assume the duties of that office.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall be, to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter (which it is proper to have written), and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and present such as may require action at the assemblies thereof.

SEC. 3. To be the custodian of the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and to affix the same with his or her signature to all instruments emanating from that body.

SEC. 4. To collect all moneys, — excepting investments, — due the General Grand Chapter, and keep an accurate account thereof; and, on or before the 20th day of each month, to pay such sum as he or she may have collected to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. If at any time prior to said date the money so collected shall amount to five hundred (500) dollars, or more, such sum shall, without delay, be paid to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; failure to comply with the above provisions shall make him or her personally responsible for any loss that may arise.

SEC. 5. To make a complete and detailed quarterly statement of the receipts and expenditures of all moneys, a copy of which report shall be furnished to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and to the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. To make a complete and detailed report of all receipts and expenditures of moneys at each triennial assembly.

SEC. 7. To conduct all the official correspondence of the General Grand Chapter when and as directed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 8. To act as the financial agent of the General Grand Chapter in the purchase and sale of officers' jewels, Rituals, all forms of blanks, Signets; and such other articles as are authorized by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 9. To report to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron the names of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and Secretary of all Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter after their installation, or as soon as received.

SEC. 10. To give such bond as shall be required by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 11. He or she shall receive for said services such sum of money as may hereinafter be provided.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and shall receipt therefor.

SEC. 2. She shall pay all orders drawn upon the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. She shall attend the assemblies of the General Grand Chapter, and report at each assembly, giving a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers.

SEC. 4. She shall report the condition of the finances to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and to the Board of Trustees, quarterly.

SEC. 5. Before entering upon the duties of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer she shall give such bond as the Board of Trustees may require.

SEC. 6. She shall receive such compensation for said services as may hereinafter be provided.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the assemblies of the General Grand Chapter and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation, conduct the processions of the General

Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office, or which may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to audit the books and accounts of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; they shall designate and approve the bonds of all officers requiring the same, as provided by this Constitution, General Regulations and Rules of Order; they shall designate the proper depositories for all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and shall invest all funds in excess of the actual expenses, — or such sums as in their judgment would be expedient, — in National, State or Municipal bonds, as they may deem safest and best.

SEC. 2. The Chairman of said Board of Trustees shall make a report at each triennial assembly, setting forth such investments as shall have been made; together with a statement of the financial condition of the General Grand Chapter, with such recommendations as the Board may consider for the best interest of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees shall see that all bonds, or other securities, are purchased in the name of the

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“Board of Trustees of the General Grand Chapter,
Order of the Eastern Star.”

SEC. 4. The salary of each Trustee shall be one dollar for the triennial term, and each member of the Board of Trustees shall give a good and sufficient surety bond to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in an amount equal to the investments; the premiums of such bonds shall be paid by the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five (5) or more legally chartered Chapters, regularly working in any state, territory, province, district or other political division, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenient.

SEC. 2. When there is a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ARTICLE XV.

GRAND CHAPTERS — OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 1. The officers of a Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

Grand Matron,
Grand Patron,
Associate Grand Matron,
Associate Grand Patron,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Conductress,
Associate Grand Conductress,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Organist,
Grand Adah,
Grand Ruth,
Grand Esther,
Grand Martha,
Grand Electa,
Grand Warder,
Grand Sentinel,

and may have a Grand Lecturer, a Board of Trustees, and such Committees as may be deemed best.

ARTICLE XVI.

GRAND OFFICERS — TITLES.

SECTION 1. The titles and designation of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter may be "Worthy."

AUTONOMY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

ARTICLE XVII.

LAWS AND DECISIONS.

SECTION 1. A Grand Chapter shall make such Constitution and By-Laws for its own government and that of its Subordinate Chapters as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the Constitution and General Regulations of the General Grand Chapter; provided, however, that where Eastern Star law and usages are silent the appeal shall be made to the jurisprudence of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the jurisdiction where said Grand Chapter is established.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, annually, on or before the first day of March, an abstract of the reports of its Subordinate Chapters for the year ending December 31st of each year. These reports shall include the names of, and postoffice addresses of, the Grand Officers elected or appointed and installed, the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and deceased, and number of members remaining in the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XIX.

FORFEITURE OF REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Any Grand Chapter failing to comply with the provisions of this Constitution and General Regulations, shall forfeit its right to representation in the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XX.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of Subordinate Chapters shall consist of a
Matron,
Patron,
Associate Matron,
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Conductress,

Associate Conductress,
Organist,
Marshal,
Chaplain,
Adah,
Ruth,
Esther,
Martha,
Electa,
Warder,
Sentinel.

ARTICLE XXI.

TITLES.

SECTION 1. The titles and designation of the Matron and Patron shall be "Worthy."

ARTICLE XXII.

ELECTIVE AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The first seven shall be elected by a separate and majority ballot, and the other officers shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ORGANIZATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star where no Grand Chapter exists, shall have a dispensation or Charter issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter. All other Chapters shall have dispensation or authority from a Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or authority. All communications, both private and public, are hereby prohibited, between a Chapter or any member thereof, with an illegally or clandestinely formed Chapter, or any one initiated therein.

SEC. 2. In all unorganized territory the Most Worthy Grand Patron may call to his assistance a sufficient number of members of the Order, in good standing, and confer the Degrees upon the necessary number to organize a Chapter; in case of his inability to secure the necessary number of regular members to confer the Degrees, he may *communicate* the same to persons entitled to receive them, and so perfect the organization. In case of the inability of the Most Worthy

Grand Patron to perform this work, he may delegate his authority to a special deputy; Provided that he shall be a member of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. After a Chapter shall have been organized, as provided above, it shall continue to work under the dispensation granted to it by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and until such time as he or his deputy shall report the organization completed, with the names of the members present or participating in the organization; said names only shall appear on the Charter when issued by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 4. The fee for a Charter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall be twenty (20) dollars.

SEC. 5. A Chapter organized under the authority of the General Grand Chapter shall receive with the Charter, three copies of the Ritual, the Signet, and a copy of the Constitution, General Regulations and Rules of Order.

SEC. 6. All Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall make annual returns to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the 1st day of March, for the year ending December 31st preceding, said returns shall contain the names of the officers, the number initiated, affiliated, restored, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and deceased during the term, and shall pay the annual dues of twenty-five (25) cents per member.

SEC. 7. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have supreme authority over all Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

DEGREES.

ARTICLE XXIV.

FIVE DEGREES OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 1. The Degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star are five (5):

Adah, the daughter;
Ruth, the widow;
Esther, the wife;
Martha, the sister;
Electa, the mother;

and there are no higher degrees. This shall be held to include extraneous degrees, and voluntary associations, using the name of the Eastern Star.

PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. (a) Male petitioners for either the Degrees or affiliation must present with the petition a certificate, or its equivalent, of good standing in a *regular* Lodge of Master Masons.

(b) All female petitioners for the Degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and present with each petition a certificate of qualification.

SEC. 3. Each petition for Degrees or membership shall be signed by the petitioner, and be recommended by two members of the Chapter; upon its reception by the Chapter, it must be referred to a Committee of three, appointed by the presiding officer, one of whom shall be a brother, whose special duty it shall be to ascertain the Masonic qualifications of the petitioner.

SEC. 4. Petitions for Degrees and membership must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, referred to a Committee, and lie over until the next stated meeting when a ballot may be had thereon.

SEC. 5. Petitions for Degrees or membership, and reports or balloting thereon cannot be had at special meetings.

SEC. 6. The meetings of a Chapter are either stated or special. The stated meetings are those held at stated intervals, as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the Chapter; all others are special.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 7. Membership can only be forfeited by dismissal, suspension or expulsion from a Chapter, excepting that the suspension or expulsion of a brother from a Masonic Lodge deprives him of all the rights of membership in this Order, until he shall be reinstated by the Maconic bodies.

QUORUM.

SEC. 8. Seven members, including one of the three first officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless the by-laws of the Chapter shall prescribe a larger number.

ARTICLE XXV.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. No Subordinate Chapter shall confer the Degrees upon any one living under the jurisdiction of another Chapter in the same jurisdiction, nor on any one living under the jurisdiction of a Chapter in another state, territory, province, district, or other political division, without procuring a waiver from the Subordinate Chapter whose jurisdiction may be invaded.

ARTICLE XXVI.

TITLES OF CONVOCATION.

SECTION 1. The Stated or Special meetings of a Subordinate Chapter shall be designated as "Meeting"; that of a Grand Chapter as "Session"; and that of the General Grand Chapter as "Assembly."

BADGES, JEWELS AND REGALIA.

ARTICLE XXVII.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. (a) The officers shall wear during Chapter meetings the badge of office belonging to their respective stations. The badge shall consist of the appropriate jewel, made of gold or gilded metal, and suspended by a ribbon having the five colors of the Order.

(b) Collars, robes, and other regalia, in addition to what is here prescribed, may be worn by officers as directed by the Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter prescribing only the *minimum*.

(c) The jewels appropriate to the several officers are as follows:

Worthy Matron,	Five-pointed Star, with Gavel in the center.
Worthy Patron,	Five-pointed star, with Square and Compasses in the center.
Associate Matron,	Five-pointed Star, with Sun in the center.
Secretary,	Five-pointed Star, with Cross-pens in the center.
Treasurer,	Five-pointed Star, with Cross-keys in the center.
Conductress,	Five-pointed Star with Scroll and Baton in the center.
Associate Conductress,	Five-pointed Star, with Baton in the center.
Chaplain,	Five-pointed Star, with Bible in the center.
Marshal,	Five-pointed Star, with Cross-batons in the center.
Organist,	Five-pointed Star, with Lyre in the center.
Adah,	Triangle, with Sword and Veil in the center.
Ruth,	Triangle, with Sheaf in the center.
Esther,	Triangle, with Crown and Sceptre in the center.
Martha,	Triangle, with Broken Column in the center.
Electa,	Triangle, with Cup in the center.
Warder,	Five-pointed Star, with Dove in the center.
Sentinel,	Five-pointed Star, with Cross-swords in the center.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

SEC. 2. The jewels for a Grand Chapter shall be the same as those of Subordinate Chapters, within a Pentagon.

The jewel for the Associate Grand Patron shall be a five-pointed Star with a Star in the center, within a Pentagon.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 3. (a) The jewels for the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, shall be the Grand Chapter jewels within a circle.

(b) Special Regalia for Grand Chapters shall be left to the discretion of each Grand Chapter.

(c) In addition to the jewel worn by the Worthy Matron, she shall be entitled to wear a Scarf made of royal purple silk or velvet, three inches wide, edged with fringe or gold lace on the inner edge; a five-pointed star in colors, worked in silk, upon the shoulder; and at the crossing, a golden rosette with two gold tassels suspended therefrom. It must be worn from left shoulder to the right side.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

FURNITURE, ETC.

SECTION 1. (a) In the center of the chapter-room there must be an Altar, standing upon the center of a five-pointed star having the five colors of the Order, with the white point toward the West.

(b) Upon the Altar there shall be an open Bible.

(c) In the East there should be a pedestal, with a gavel thereon for the use of the presiding officer.

(d) Each Chapter must have a seal, signet (and one or more small Bibles), a sword and veil for Adah, a sheaf of barley for Ruth, a crown and sceptre for Esther, a broken column for Martha, and a cup for Electa. A Chapter may also have banners, with proper emblems thereon.

POSITION OF CHAIRS.

(e) The chairs for the Star Officers may either face the East, or be partially turned toward the Altar.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE XXIX.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION 1. The Triennial Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter shall convene as prescribed by Article VII., of the Constitution, and shall open at ten o'clock A. M., and shall continue, daily, until all business shall have been transacted.

WHO IS TO PRESIDE.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside, assisted by the Most Worthy Grand Patron. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron shall preside; in her absence the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to preside.

QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives of not less than a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be present to constitute a quorum.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following Standing Committees of three members each, and said Committees shall serve until the close of the triennial term; she may, also, appoint such other Special Committees as may be necessary; and shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur, viz.:

- Jurisprudence.
- Credentials.
- Charters.
- Foreign Relations.
- Distribution.
- Necrology.
- Appeals and Grievances.
- Ritual.
- Unfinished Business.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

JURISPRUDENCE.

SEC. 5. (a) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to act as advisory counsel of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and other officers, and this General Grand Chapter, on all matters referred to it involving questions relating to the Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order, and also questions of Eastern Star law and practice. The Committee shall make a report on each and every question so submitted, setting forth the grounds for its conclusions and recommendations. Each question so reported shall be separately acted upon by the General Grand Chapter, whose decision shall be final.

(b) In like manner all decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered and reported for approval or disapproval by the General Grand Chapter, whose action alone shall give the same binding force.

(c) All proposed amendments to the Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order, or other questions involving Eastern Star polity, shall be submitted and reported for final action. It shall be proper for this committee in reporting said alterations or proposed amendments to recommend such changes in the wording as shall make the same conform or better serve the purpose intended therein; but every alteration or amendment shall be made, finally, only by vote of the General Grand Chapter.

CREDENTIALS.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Credentials shall report the names of each member and proxy present, with the name of the Grand Chapter which they represent.

CHARTERS.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, organized since the previous assembly, and the reports of the officers organizing the same. It shall note all improper or unconstitutional proceedings, and make due report, with recommendations.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

SEC. 8. The Committee on Foreign Relations shall take cognizance of matters arising from the spread of the Order.

DISTRIBUTION.

SEC. 9. The Committee on Distribution, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall refer all matters contained therein to the proper Committees.

NECROLOGY.

SEC. 10. The Committee on Necrology shall prepare proper memorials of deceased sisters and brothers.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, and to report,—with such recommendations as they deem proper,—for the action of the General Grand Chapter.

RITUAL.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ritual to act on all proposed amendments, and other matters pertaining to the Ritual, that may properly come before it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the Journal of Proceedings of the previous assembly and report all matters therein pending and undetermined.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 14. (a) The election of officers shall be held at ten o'clock on the third day of the assembly, but the installation shall not take place until all other business shall have been transacted.

(b) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

(c) No person who is not a permanent member of the General Grand Chapter shall be eligible to office therein.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 15. Vacancies in office that may occur during the interval between the assemblies (except in the first two), may be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron; Provided, that the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall fill any vacancy in the office of a brother.

SEC. 16. Vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees during the last year previous to the triennial assembly, shall be left vacant until the regular election.

VOTING.

SEC. 17. (a) All voting in the General Grand Chapter, excepting the election of officers, and the adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order, shall be by show of hands; provided, that a roll-call may be demanded by five representatives of different Grand Chapters.

(b) No members or proxy shall be entitled to a vote until duly certified credentials have been filed with the proper committee; excepting as hereinbefore provided.

REVENUE.

SEC. 18. The revenue of the General Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

First.—For Charters granted Chapters, as hereinbefore provided, —which sum shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet,—twenty (20) dollars.

Second.—From annual dues of Subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction,—for all members in good standing December 31st,—twenty-five (25) cents, each.

Third.—From profits on investments and deposits of funds.

Fourth.—From the sale of Officers' jewels, Rituals and supplies.

MILEAGE.

SEC. 19. The Officers of the General Grand Chapter, and members of the Special and Standing Committees, shall be paid mileage at the rate of two cents each way, and *per diem* for a period not exceeding three days, at the rate of three (3) dollars per day, for *actual* attendance upon the session of the General Grand Chapter; Provided, that no person shall receive mileage in more than *one* capacity, nor where provision is made, or will be made, for the payment of his or her expenses, or any part thereof, by the Grand Chapter to which said Officer or member of said Standing or Special Committee is accredited.

COMPENSATION.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

SEC. 20. (a) The Board of Trustees shall recommend such sum, at each assembly of the General Grand Chapter, for the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, as they shall deem sufficient; which sum, if approved by the General Grand Chapter, shall be set to her credit on the books of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, out of which she shall reimburse herself, by warrant, for the necessary out-

lay incurred in the performance of her duties, and to make such visits to Grand and Subordinate Chapters as in her best judgment shall be for the good of the Order; Provided, that the expenses of said visits shall not exceed the sum so appropriated.

(b) She shall receive for her services, at the close of her term of office, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

Sec. 21. (a) The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall receive, upon presentation of the proper vouchers, the necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties, whether by deputy or otherwise, as prescribed by the Constitution.

(b) At the close of his term of office he shall receive for his services the sum of two hundred (200) dollars.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

Sec. 22. (a) The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive for his or her services the sum of twelve hundred (1,200) dollars per year.

(b) All office expenses, such as clerk-hire, office-rent, telephone and fixtures, shall be paid on vouchers audited by the Board of Trustees.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

Sec. 23. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive for her services, at the close of her term of office, the sum of one hundred (100) dollars.

ARTICLE XXX.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL.

SECTION 1. All amendments, alterations, or additions to the Ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted, in writing, at a triennial assembly; when, if approved, by a two-thirds' vote, shall lie over until the next triennial assembly, when, if approved by a three-fourths' vote, the same shall be incorporated in the Ritual.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, GENERAL REGULATIONS, AND RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 2. All amendments to this Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order shall be submitted, in writing, on the first day of a triennial assembly, and be referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence; when, if adopted by a two-thirds' vote, shall become a part of the Constitution, General Regulations, or Rules of Order.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE XXXI.

THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

First.—At a triennial assembly of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the Chair at ten o'clock A. M., and, if there is a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the officers are at their stations, fill vacancies *pro tempore*, and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

Second.—After the assembly shall have been duly convened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with the order and decorum which the dignity of the General Grand Chapter requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without the permission of the presiding officer.

Third.—The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Reading of Minutes of Special Assemblies (if any) and action thereon.
3. Filling vacancies in Standing Committees.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
6. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
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8. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
9. Reports of Standing Committees.
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11. Election of Officers.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Installation of Officers.

Fourth.—All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover indorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and read, when, upon being seconded, shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

Fifth.—All business and reports must be disposed of before the assembly of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution, General Regulations and these Rules of Order, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

Sixth.—All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

Seventh.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the same questions without permission of the presiding officer, or of the General Grand Chapter.

Eighth.—No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Board of Trustees.

Ninth.—Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to proceed to close, shall be decided without debate.

Tenth.—All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer, before they shall be open for debate or actions; and in filling blanks, the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise hereinbefore provided.

Eleventh.—Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officers, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the assembly of the General Grand Chapter.

Twelfth.—Parliamentary law not in conflict with these Rules of Order, shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

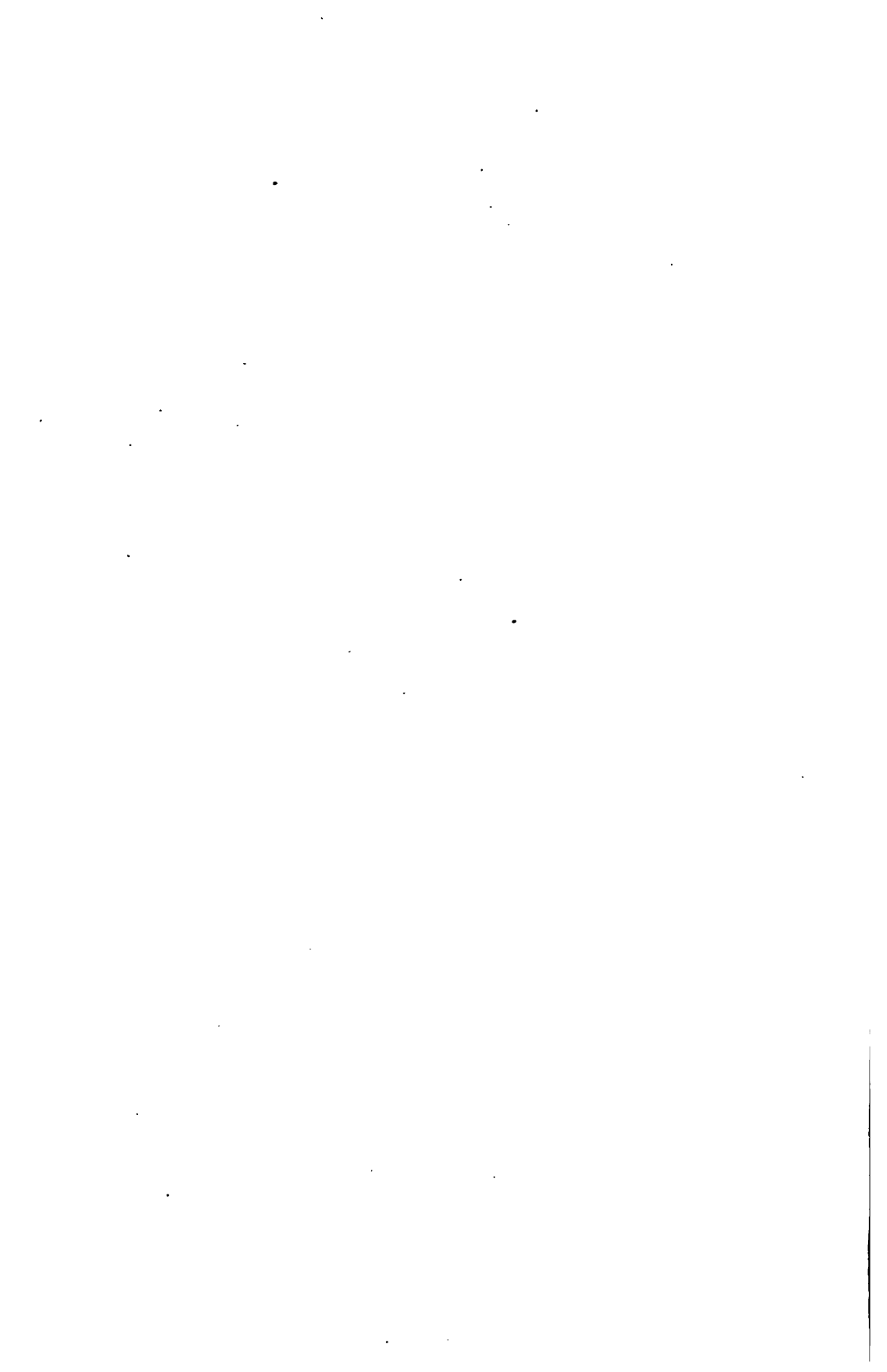
Thirteenth.—These Rules of Order shall not be transposed except by unanimous consent, but may be amended as hereinbefore provided, but this shall not be held to prohibit "Special Orders" of business.

WHEN IN FORCE.

ARTICLE XXXII.

CONSTITUTION, GENERAL REGULATIONS, AND RULES OF ORDER.

This Revised Constitution, General Regulations, and Rules of Order, shall be in force on and after their adoption; and all previous constitutions, or parts thereof; decisions, and regulations, in contradistinction therewith, are hereby repealed.



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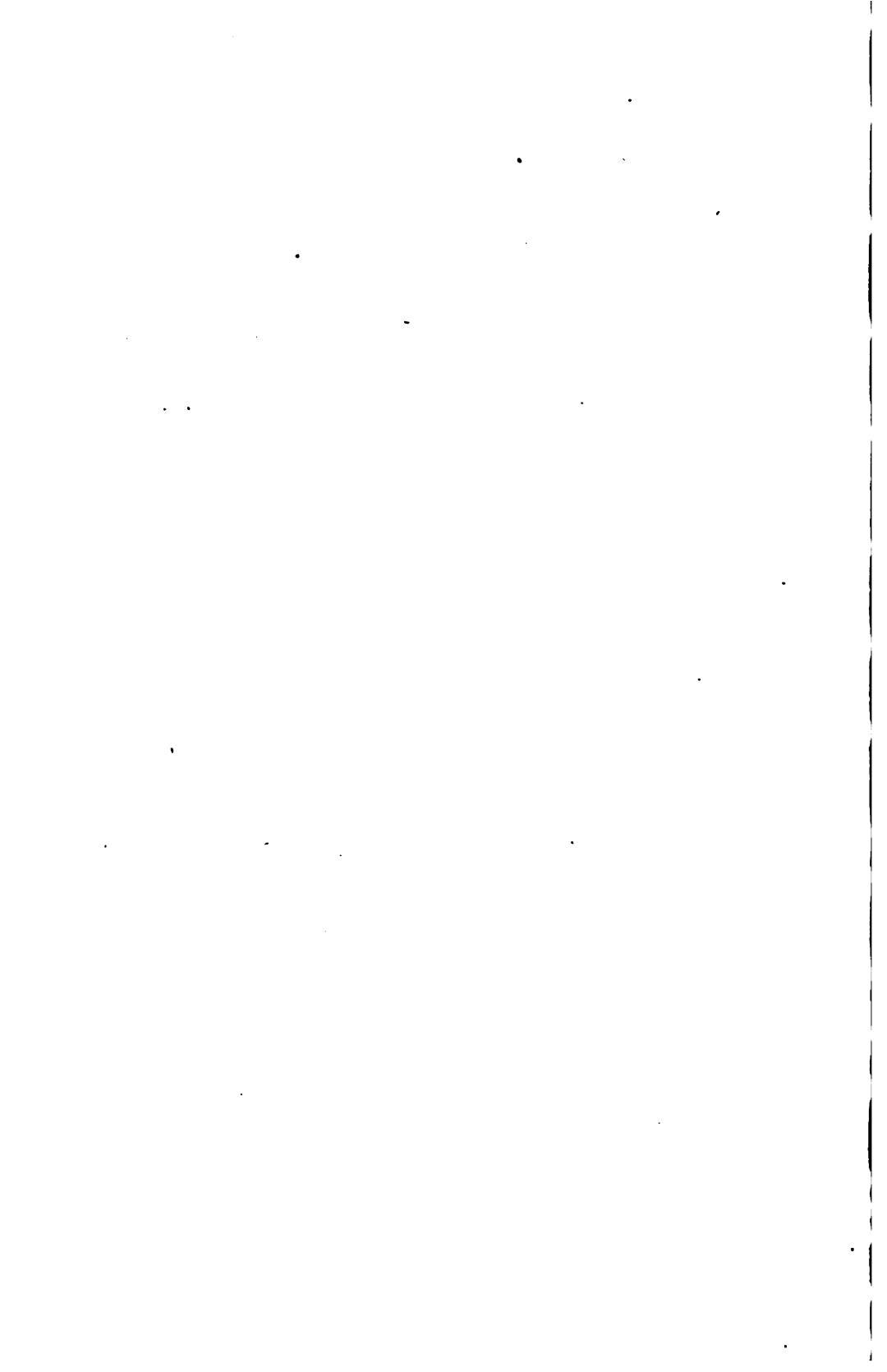
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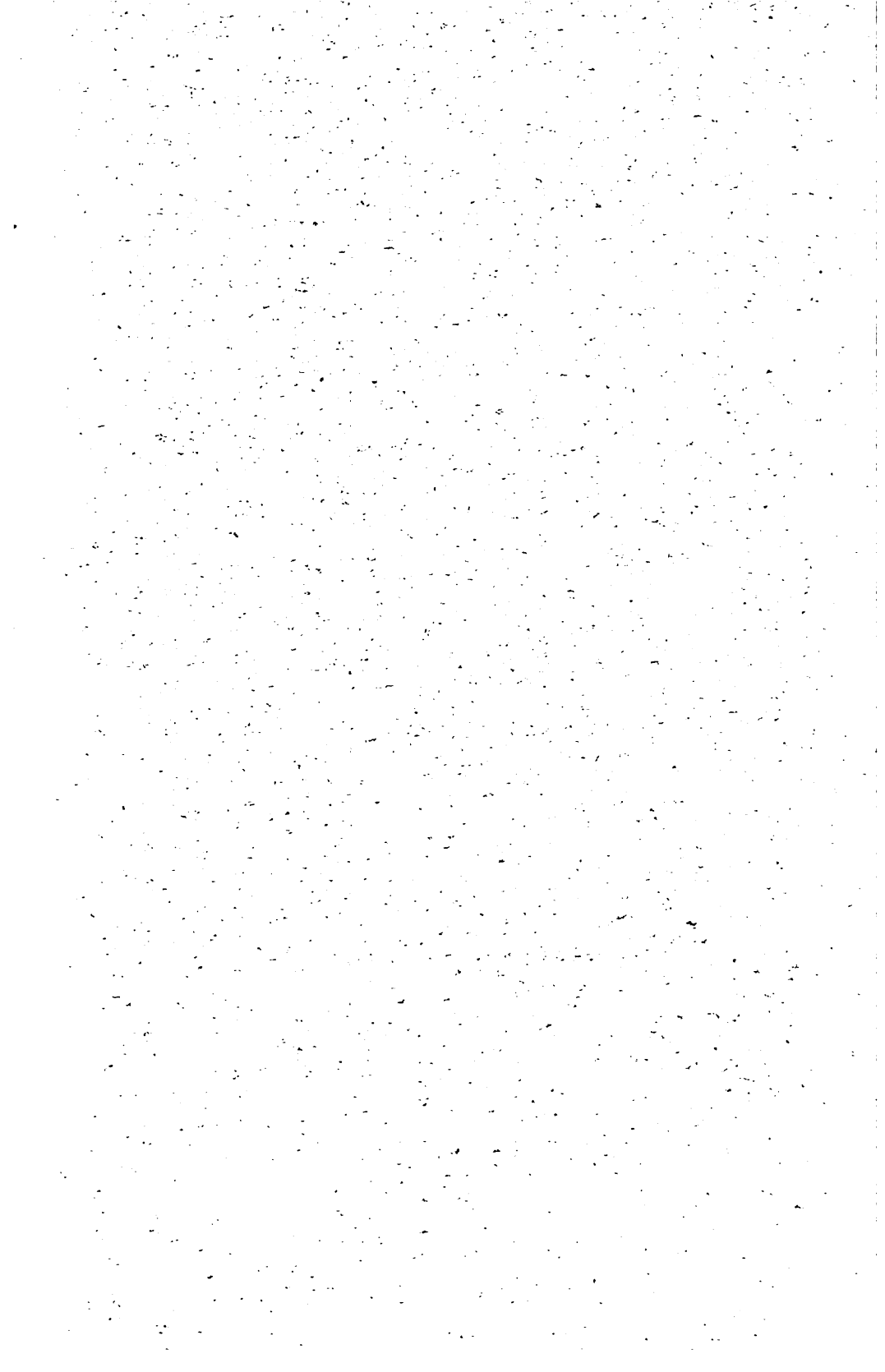
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The next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter will
convene in the City of Jacksonville, Florida, some
time during the month of November, 1910.
Date to be determined later, when
due notice will be given the
Order at large.

